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GOOGLE TO INVEST $10 BN, SET UP ITS GLOBAL FINTECH CENTRE IN GUJARAT

Google CEO Sundar Pichai informed Prime Minister Narendra Modi of the firm's plan to invest $10 billion in India's digitisation fund

GOOGLE TO TAKE TECH BEHIND UPI GLOBAL

The US tech giant will open its Fintech Global Operations Center in GIFT City, Gujarat, which will have teams working on specialised operations supporting Google Pay and its other products. Commenting on the development, Pichai said, the new project will cement India's leadership in fintech. He praised India's leadership in UPI and said Google will work to take it global

BARD TO BE OFFERED IN MORE LANGUAGES

- Apart from fintech, Google is also planning to boost its artificial intelligence services in India. Pichai said Google's Bard, a conversational chatbot powered by AI will be expanded to more Indian languages
- Modi and Pichai also discussed boosting partnerships between Google and Indian academic institutions to promote research and skill development

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Modi begins Egypt visit, to meet Prez Sisi today

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in Cairo from the US on Saturday for a two-day state visit and was welcomed at the airport by his Egyptian counterpart Mostafa Madbouly with a warm embrace. This is the first bilateral visit to Egypt after 1997 by any Indian PM.

India hopes to sign a $5 billion defence deal with Egypt. It has already escalated the African Union's request to become a member of the G20. New Delhi has invited Cairo as a guest for the G20 meet.

India could announce a credit line for Egypt to help their economy and boost trade. Egypt need food and wheat and India could go for a swap deal, said sources.

"I thank PM Madbouly for the special gesture of welcoming me at the airport. I hope the Indo-Egyptian relations will flourish for the benefit of the people of our two nations,'' Modi said.

Modi then met the Indian diaspora before holding bilateral talks with his counterpart Madbouly.

"I am deeply moved by the Indian diaspora in Egypt. Their support and affection truly embody the timeless bonds of our nations. Also noteworthy was people from Egypt wearing Indian dresses. Truly a celebration of our shared cultural linkages,'' said Modi.

A video of an Egyptian woman singing a popular Hindi numbar, *Yeh dosti hum nahi todenge* from the iconic Bollywood film *Sholay* went viral. Modi listened to it attentively and expressed his appreciation. Members of the Indian diaspora flocked around the Ritz Carlton hotel, where Modi is staying.

The PM will hold bilateral talks with President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on Sunday. Sisi was the chief guest during the Republic Day this year and has been to India twice before that since 2015.

On Sunday, he will visit Cairo's Al-Hakim Mosque that was restored with the help of India's Dawoodi Bohra community.

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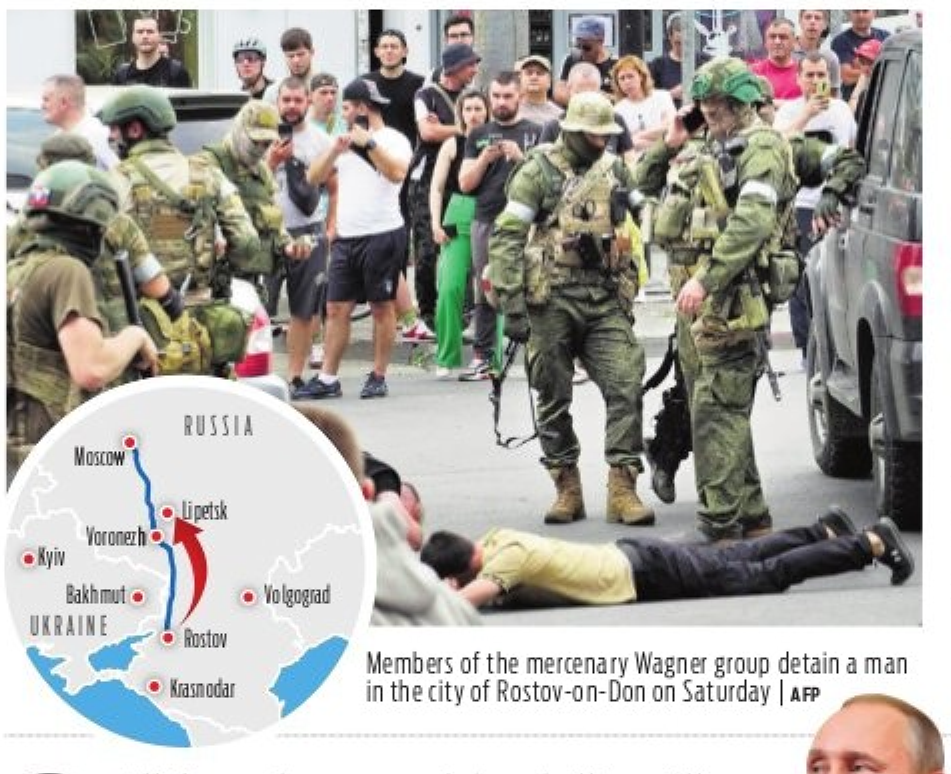
U-turn after rebellion against Putin

Wagner boss orders mercenary convoy heading to Moscow to return, saying he did not want to spill Russian blood



Members of the mercenary Wagner group detain a man in the city of Rostov-on-Don on Saturday | AFP

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A mercenary group promoted and patronised by President Vladimir Putin became a Frankenstein monster on Saturday, capturing a key southern city and launching a rebellion against the Russian establishment.

The situation dramatically changed later in the day as Wagner group chief Yevgeny Prigozhin ordered his troops heading to Moscow to stand down and return to their field camps in Ukraine. The order came after Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko spoke to Prigozhin, reports said.

"We are turning our columns around and going back to field camps," the Wagner boss said, claiming he did not want to spill Russian blood.

An indication of the national mood came from reports of locals raising slogans in favour of Wagner in south ern Russia. Prigozhin's rebellion was the culmination of his spat with Russian defence minister Sergei Shoigu.

Earlier in the day, Prigozhin's 25,000-strong private army claimed control over the military headquarters in the city of Rostov-on-Don, over 1,000 km south of Moscow, from where Russia controls its Ukraine operations.

Wagner's troops and tanks also rolled into Lipetsk province, about 360 km south of Moscow. The group's hired guns are also said to have seized military facilities in Voronezh — halfway between Rostov and Moscow — in their blitzkrieg. Their convoy was seen moving north towards Moscow beyond Lipetsk, its governor said.

For his part, Putin promised harsh punishment for Prigozhin, denouncing his uprising as a stab in the back. This was by far the biggest threat to Putin's leadership in over two decades in power.

"All those who prepared the rebellion will suffer inevitable punishment," Putin said. Joining issue with him, Prigozhin said his fighters would not surrender. He claimed he wanted to punish defence minister Shoigu as Russian forces were attacking Wagner camps in Ukraine. He alleged that Gen Valery Gerasimov, chief of the General Staff, ordered the attacks following a meeting with Shoigu.

> *All those who prepared the rebellion will suffer inevitable punishment. They have stabbed me in my back* —**Vladimir Putin**

> *This is not a military coup, but a march of justice. Regarding betrayal, the President is deeply mistaken* —**Yevgeny Prigozhin**

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Oppn seeks all-party team visit to Manipur

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs an all-party meeting on Manipur situation | PTI

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

OPPOSITION political parties on Saturday suggested an all-party visit to the violence-torn Manipur as part of confidence-building measures after Union home minister Amit Shah briefed them on the situation in the state and made a presentation on the steps taken by the Centre so far.

Shah's initiative came against the backdrop of unabated violence since the ethnic clashes broke out on May 3. The presentation on the current situation covered Manipur's existing demography and historic facts. The briefing also dwelt on the reasons leading to the flare-up in the northeastern state.

Shah told representatives of political parties in the national capital that a 10-km-long fencing has already been completed along the Myanmar border from where illegal migrants enter the country. More such work needs to be done, he said. The home minister told the parties that most youngsters have surrendered their weapons. Shah later said that the Centre has taken suggestions and steps will be taken in the right direction.

Apart from thre demand for an all-party delegation's visit, the parties suggested calibrated use of force to instill confidence among people and the formation of a team to start dialogue with all affected communities.

Mob sets fire to minister's godown

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A mob torched a godown of Manipur's Public Health Engineering and Consumer Affairs Minister L Susindro Meitei for protecting two women – alleged informers of Kuki militants.

The attack took place on Friday night at Chingarel in the Imphal East district. Plastic pipes for sewage worth ₹120 crore and other materials were gutted.

An attempt was also made to burn the minister's private residence later but the security forces thwarted it by using force. Security was heightened at the house as he anticipated an attack. Earlier in the day, a mob had caught the two women and beaten them up for allegedly passing information to Kuki militants. Soon, the police, leaders of some organisations and the minister arrived. Later, the minister took the duo in a car of his convoy and left for Imphal.

However, another mob stopped the vehicles on the way and the personnel dispersed the people by firing blank shots. When word spread that the minister was protecting two "spies", a mob attacked his private property.

BBMP polls by December, says Ramalinga

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TRANSPORT Minister Ramalinga Reddy said on Saturday that elections to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Council will be held by December.

The state government on Friday ordered setting up of new committees for delimitation of BBMP wards.

"The findings of the previous committee have been challenged in court. The previous committee went ahead with gerrymandering of ward boundaries to suit those in power then. And let none of us forget that they did all this after their stipulated time ended and the committee's very legitimacy stood in question,'' Reddy told TNSE.

He said, "While the delimitation commission was constituted on January 29, 2021, with a tenure of six months, the report was submitted on June 23, 2022. This was nearly 11 months after the tenure of the commission ended. On July 6, a scrutiny committee was constituted to review objections.''

Reddy said, "The High Court judge stated that there was no legally constituted delimitation commission, and its tenure was extended post facto, which is bad in law.'' He said the notification was issued on July 14 in an irregular manner. "The previous government first decided the number of wards and only then constituted the delimitation commission. This responsibility rests with the delimitation commission,'' he added. He said, "The High Court also noted there exists a clear deviation of 12%, a violation of rules."

> **The findings of the previous committee have been challenged in court. The previous committee went ahead with gerrymandering of ward boundaries to suit those in power then -** Ramalinga Reddy

Experts bat for EU-like policy to reduce e-waste

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

Bengaluru ranks third among the highest electronic waste producing cities in the country.

With the situation alarming, consumers and experts have stressed the need for efforts to reduce e-waste in the state, starting with standardisation of chargers. As per data by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), the state produced around 1.2 lakh tonnes of e-waste in 2021-2022. The new rules notified in 2022 increased the items under the e-waste category from 21 to 106.

The Centre is all set to adopt the recommendations of the consumer affairs committee on common charging ports like the EU, and this will be the first step in resolving the e-waste problem in the country.

A recent study by LocalCircles, which enables citizens and small businesses for policy changes, revealed that 9 in 10 consumers in the country want USB Type-C as standard charging port for all electronic products. **P7**

Siddu shuns Vaastu, takes South door

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THIS was the South facing door in the CMO in Vidhana Soudha that was shut, and no CM in the past dared to walk through it. The reason: It was not Vaastu compliant and walking through it was considered inauspicious.

CM Siddaramaiah asked DPAR officials about who had the keys and got it opened and walked through it. Siddaramaiah, who arrived at Vidhana Soudha to hold a meeting with senior officials on Anna Bhagya, noticed the South door was closed.

CM Siddaramaiah walks through the South door in Vidhana Soudha on Saturday

After learning about the reason, he said, "A healthy mind, a clean heart, caring for other people, good clean air and good illumination is the best Vaastu."

In contrast, Vidhana Soudha has seen structural alterations such as breaking walls, shifting doors from one end to the other, keeping water tanks always full and many other remedies in the rooms of ministers to make them Vaastu-compliant.

Siddaramaiah had visited Chamarajanagar as CM many times from 2013 to 2018 although other CMs were scared to go there for the fear of losing power.

Former IGP K Arkesh, who was a member of the Anti-Superstition Committee, said, "Siddaramaiah is doing this to promote scientific temper. It is a constitutional mandate. He is systematically trying to prove that superstitions are dangerous."

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B'luru student detained for filming women in bathroom

Bengaluru: The Mahadevapura police have detained a student in the city on the charge of voyeurism. The police action came based on a complaint filed by four women from Thigalarapalya in Hoodi Thursday, accusing the student and his friends, staying in a PG adjacent to their apartment, of taking photos and filming them when they were in the bathroom | **P3**

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Sunset	6.48 pm
Moonrise	11.35 am
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GREENER PASTURES

Advocating organic farming, Akshayakalpa is looking to restore the glory of agriculture, while placing the farmer at the centre of it all

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE @Tiptur

THERE is a sanctity about agriculture. It makes the farmer a medium between the soil and the soul. But in today's materialistic world, this time-honoured vocation is losing to trendier opportunities, with the young abandoning lands tilled by their forefathers. Responding to this, Akashayakalpa Organic came into being in 2010, with a mission to reignite a farming fervour in younger generations.

Co-founded by veterinarian and social entrepreneur late Dr GNS Reddy and Shashi Kumar, Akshayakalpa's idea was to return to the roots, work with farmers, understand their issues, and help them. "But we soon realised that the problem was deeper. We began resolving two issues – farmers' cash flows, which would be enabled through what is grown in the soil, and effective soil management. Akshayakalpa is essentially a soil management company," Shashi Kumar, the CEO, tells *The New Sunday Express* at the company's R&D centre in Kodihalli, nestling on the cusp of Tumakuru and Hassan districts. Kumar quit a plush IT job to disrupt the agriculture sector.

Akshayakalpa helps farmers access the market, while supporting them, exposing them to new training and organic farming techniques, and novel cost-effective economic models, resulting in better harvest and revenues. Implementing these plans, Akshayakalpa ventured into the dairy segment, devising a closed-loop model approach. The model farms on the 28-acre R&D centre offer a glimpse into this. The centre, which houses open paddocks holding cows, a milk processing and packaging centre, vegetable gardens and farmer training centres, highlights Akshayakalpa's long-term vision.

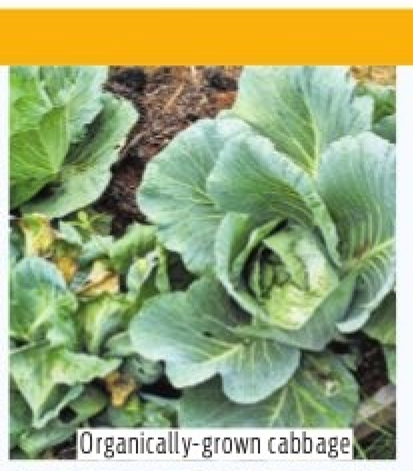
"Akshayakalpa started as a dairy. This opened two doors for farmers – by selling milk, there was daily cash flow. Second, the dung produced by cows was a nutrient-rich input for the soil, improving land fertility and fodder quality," reiterates Dr Saadath Pasha, Programme Director (Animal Nutrition) at Akshayakalpa.

The model dairy farm boasts of state-of-the-art infrastructure, ensuring zero-stress for animals, while maintaining high milk yield and good health. The cows, largely belonging to local Amrit Mahal and Hallikar breeds, and crossbred Holstein Friesian and Jersey varieties, are never tethered. Their manger is supplied with high-nutrition TMR (total mixed ration) – green fodder, silage, dry fodder, maize powder, protein cakes, baking soda, minerals and salt – for a balanced diet. They can eat and drink water as they please, and rest under trees. The bovines are milked using an automatic system.

The company's dairy techniques are passed on to its farmers for replication. The milk thus produced undergoes stringent tests, before being processed and packaged at the R&D centre, for markets in Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune, and 50 Tier-2 towns in South India.

"We are the biggest player in the organic milk space in India, producing 85,000 litres of milk a day, through 900 farmers. In a typical dairy, the same quantity would require around 70,000 farmers. We operate at a different scale. Each of our farmers produces 150-200 litres of milk," says Kumar, adding that the farmers, who hail from Tumakuru, Hassan, Mandya, Mysuru, Chikkamagaluru and Chitradurga, are mostly in their 30s.

A bee box at Akshayakalpa


Organically-grown cabbage

Siddalingaswamy at his farm

Organic's the way to go

Explaining the company's push towards organic farming, Kumar says it is the sustainable way forward. "...it is a regenerative system, wherein we stop all external inputs. At all sites, the elements, concoctions and requirements must be developed and derived in situ," he adds.

In short, the cows provide milk which brings earnings to the farmer, and dung, which goes into the production of biogas and manure, which regenerates the soil, making way for food cultivation.

This can be better understood from the vegetable R&D centre. "Our methodology is that across a 1-acre (42,000sqft) plot of land, we have set aside 12,000sqft for cultivation, while 8,000sqft is dedicated to walking paths. The rest is an area for biomass generation, for composting. The idea is to improve farmers' monthly income to Rs 1 lakh/acre. This requires proper crop planning, low investment and border crops, including banana, papaya, curry leaf and lime. Border crops act as a bio-fence around the field, arresting wind," says Manjappa Honnappanavar, Manager (Talent Engagement & Development and Commodity) at Akshayakalpa.

There are patches of vegetables and greens, including radish, brinjal, cabbage, drumstick, okra, mint and tomato, watered by sprinkler irrigation. There are 26 crops under cultivation at any given time. This system has been integrated by farmers in their lands as well.

A short drive from the R&D centre brings one to Siddalingaswamy's 10-acre farm at Mavinakere in Tiptur taluk. Assisted by his wife, this 38-year-old graduate has taken to agriculture based on Akshayakalpa's systems. His 20 cows generate 1,000 litres of slurry a day, apart from 185 litres of milk. "The learnings from Akshayakalpa have ensured that my animals are disease-free and my dairy business is running smoothly. Today, I grow drumstick, papaya, banana and black pepper, since I am able to generate my own slurry – a much-needed natural fertiliser," he says.

This diversification of produce has not only improved the quality of life for these farmers, who together cultivate 6,000 acres of land, but has also redefined 'organic farming'. Related activities, such as bee-keeping and backyard poultry farming, have ensured a steady supply of honey and eggs, all of which are packaged and retailed by Akshayakalpa, in turn bringing income to these farmers, who have found greener pastures in their own lands.

Diversified portfolio

Today, Akshayakalpa's product portfolio, which began with milk, includes ghee, curd, paneer and other dairy products, derived using organic farming methods. The brand has diversified into non-dairy products such as batter, breads, honey, coconuts, and eggs, apart from a host of greens and vegetables like spinach, tomato, chilli, okra, mango, and banana. These are retailed via ecommerce platforms, stores, and food delivery apps

Consumer education programme

Akshayakalpa runs a consumer education programme, where its customers can visit and stay overnight at the farms it works with, and see for themselves how their food is organically produced. The sole purpose of this programme, which is free of cost, is to get customers to connect with their food. Also, the company recycles milk packets, which are returned by customers

Farmers' friend

Akshayakalpa farmers are provided training and technical support to help them adopt organic farming practices. The company also offers fair prices for the milk produced by its farmers and provides them access to market information. The company has tie-ups with financial institutions to provide loans to them. Other services such as veterinary treatments, seed and sapling procurement, fodder slips, setting up of an open paddock system, assistance in setting up integrated farming activities like bee-keeping, poultry, raised beds, and vegetable gardens are also provided

PIX: HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE

The vegetable R&D unit at Akshayakalpa, which showcases the company's cultivation techniques to grow greens and veggies

Shashi Kumar, CEO, Akshayakalpa Organic

Cows feed in their paddocks at a model dairy unit, set up at Akshayakalpa's R&D centre in Kodihalli, Hassan district

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In a first, BBMP to use drones for dog census

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IN a first, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) plans to use drones for its dog survey in the city, which will be conducted after four years.

BBMP Special Commissioner (health), Dr KV Thrilok Chandra said, "We are planning to use drones on a pilot basis in remote areas and places adjacent to water bodies to locate the dogs." The census will be conducted on hybrid mode -- teams will gather data, which will be combined with the details collected from drones.

Since drones are being used for the first time, they will be only used in relatively open areas as certain areas in the city are congested, and have narrow lanes and hanging electric cables. Officials said that 50 teams, each comprising two people, will visit the areas from July 1 from 6:30 am to 10 am daily. The surveyors will also click photographs to avoid duplication during the census.

The last census was in 2019. Since multiple dog-biting cases were reported in Bengaluru, BBMP officials expect that they will get information on dog population in different areas, and control them. The census will also help them study the impact of animal birth control (ABC) measures and anti-rabies programmes.

Another pilot project is on the cards after the census concludes, where they will insert microchips in dogs, containing details of vaccination and sterilisation. This will identify dogs who have not been vaccinated and prevent multiple vaccination of the same dog due to lack of information.

Amrut Sridhara Hiranya, a dog behaviour expert from Bengaluru, said the pandemic has resulted in an increase in the number of stray dogs in general because the neutering and vaccination programmes came to a halt for months. The census will help in reducing dog-bite cases and control their population across the city, added Hiranya.

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DORESWAMY SUBMITS REPORT ON GOVT SCHOOLS TO CM

Bengaluru: Prof MR Doreswamy, former adviser, Education Reforms submitted an interim report on the evaluation of the conditions of government schools to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. He urged Siddaramaiah to allocate a budget for development of government schools. He said he tried to bring innovative dimensions to the state school adoption and development policy. In this regard, many elected representatives, higher educational institutions, government and non-governmental organizations, and philanthropic donors had adopted over 2,000 government schools to develop them. "Although the lockdown impeded speedy development of these adopted government schools for a year, it has to be completed in the best interests of rural students who mostly study in government schools. I have asked CM Siddaramaiah to develop the government schools by making a special allocation in the 2023-24 budget," he said. **ENS**

The Global Divinity Mall was thrown open in Nayandahalli on Saturday. Actors Kiccha Sudeep, V Ravichandran, producer Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, and MP DK Suresh were present

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Study impact of phone, cyber crimes on students, KSCPCR tells Madhu

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has approached Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa to do a study on the impact of mobile phones and cyber crime on students.

Education department sources confirmed that a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of conducting a state-wide study on the impact of excessive mobile use on students.

"The meeting was regarding the details of the study, which will consist of aspects like exposure to cyber crime and excessive internet usage. Therefore, the commission has approached the minister," they said.

Previously, KSCPCR chairman K Naganna Gowda had expressed concerns on the usage of mobiles among children, stating that it had contributed to an increasing incidence of memory loss.

> **The meeting was regarding the study, which will consist of aspects like exposure to cyber crime and excessive internet usage -** Sources

Meanwhile, the commission also signed an MoU with ChildFund India to tackle the prevalence of cyber crime in the state against children. Chairman Naganna Gowda had stated there was a need to protect the rights of children, especially due to a rising incidence of exploitation and sexual abuse against children online.

Meeting with Bharat Scouts and Guides

Both Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar and Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa held meetings with the Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG) to discuss their issues. Representatives from BSG put forward several demands, including focussing importance on the Scouts and Guides in government degree colleges.

Murthy hands over report on transport corporations to Reddy

Bengaluru: Former Additional Chief Secretary MR Srinivasa Murthy met Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy and the managing directors of all four transport corporations- KSRTC, BMTC, KKRTC and NWKRTC Saturday. Murthy, chairman of the one-man committee constituted to recommend ways to restructure and revive the ailing bus corporations, handed over a copy of his report to Reddy, and briefed him through a presentation. He lauded the Shakti scheme, and said that the average daily ridership of all four transport corporations which was 84.15 lakh has crossed 1 crore after the scheme. Reddy lauded the KSRTC for refurbishing 460 old buses, and said that measures have been taken to induct new buses and recruit staff. He also directed officials to visit bus stands to ensure that basic facilities like drinking water, waiting rooms, and toilets are available. **ENS**

K'taka, Maha BPL families have highest menstrual myths: Survey

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA and Maharashtra have the highest menstrual health and hygiene management-related myths among below poverty line (BPL) families, showed a recent survey report by the Unesco.

"Few communities in Karnataka still follow the practice of isolating women. They are treated like untouchables and not even allowed to eat with other family members, let alone stay inside the house," Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Project Director, BB Cauvery said.

The Unesco and Procter and Gamble (P&G) Whisper's #KeepGirlsinSchool campaign titled "Spotlight Red", which started in 2019 surveyed six states - Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territory of Delhi.

Of the total 1,800 people surveyed, 33 per cent of the boys from rural Karnataka had strong misconceptions. A regression analysis revealed that caste is an important determinant in the level of myths and misconceptions.

"Women continue to be barred from temples, touch religious offerings, not enter inside the kitchens or puja rooms at home," Dr Huma Masood, Gender Specialist at Unesco, said. The findings showed that several schemes and initiatives taken by the government have not helped in eliminating the taboo associated with menstruation.

Karnataka's Shuchi Scheme aimed at distributing sanitary pads to girls was also stopped in 2020 and has not been revived since, the report pointed out. The state government has given multiple reasons like poor quality of pads and departmental transfers for non-implementation of the scheme.

It is high time that women should start talking about periods, experts said, adding there is a need for general acceptance among all genders as it is the only way menstrual health landscape can be revolutionised in India.

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Rohit Reddy, MLA from Tandur in Telangana, escaped unhurt in an accident at Miyaru village in Karkala rural police limits on Saturday. Reddy was travelling from Mangaluru to Sringeri to vist the Sharadamba temple. His SUV veered off the road when a some cattle heads came in front of it

Tenant in city sells furniture to woman, owner locks her up

Plaint, counter-plaint filed; dispute arises as seller had not paid settlement amount

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

AN advocate was reportedly locked inside the premises of a residential apartment complex in Suddaguntepalya (SG Palya) behind Christ University in Tavarekere, where she came to take the second-hand furniture items purchased from a tenant.

The woman, 24, from Kerala, working with a law firm on Infantry Road, landed at Chira Classic Apartment on the 4th main, Balajinagar in Tavarekere Wednesday night.

The tenant who had sold the furniture allegedly violated the agreement, and had locked the flat over the last few months. The tenant had to make a settlement as per the agreement.

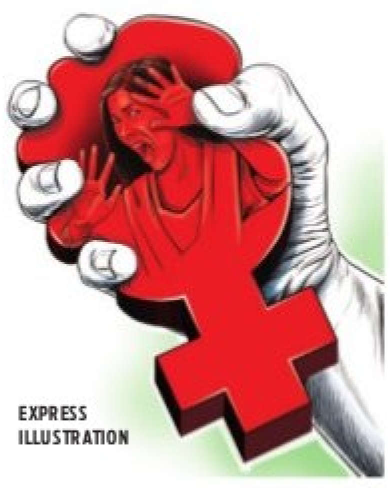
When taking the furniture, the apartment owner, Murali Chira, stopped and questioned her, which boiled over into a verbal spat. The owner then allegedly locked her up for about 15 minutes from 9.30 pm to 9.45 pm inside the parking area of the apartment and called 112, and also filed a police complaint.

The tenant had reportedly suppressed the fact about the agreement.

With the help of an advocate friend, the woman filed a criminal counter complaint against Chira Thursday around 12.50 am. In her complaint, the woman stated that the owner and two others abused and threatened her.

Chira, 35, denied the allegations. "I questioned her as she was a stranger and was trying to take the furniture. The previous tenant who claimed to be a DJ from Kerala is yet to make a final settlement. She trespassed my property and started threatening me, claiming she was an advocate. If I am at fault, the CCTV footage should be checked. Yes, I locked her inside the apartment complex premises as she was abusive, and I could not verify her identity. I had also called the police. I am unaware of any counter complaint against me," he said.

The Suddaguntepalya police have first filed the complaint by Chira against the woman and have booked her for house-trespass (IPC 448). Based on the counter complaint, the police have booked Chira for making sexually-coloured remarks. No arrest has been made, said an officer.



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MEET THE TOP COP

From left: City Police Commissioner B Dayananda hears out grievances of residents during the Masika Jana Samparka Divasa at Malleswaram Police Station in Bengaluru on Saturday. A resident shares his problems and offers suggestions | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

No new varsities, will develop existing ones: Minister

Bengaluru: Criticising the then BJP government for setting up seven new universities in Karnataka, Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said the Congress government has no intention of starting new universities, but will focus on ensuring quality education. Speaking at a press conference, the minister said while nothing can be done about the establishment of the universities, the government will focus on developing and ensuring quality education at existing state universities. Speaking on funds allotted for the establishment of new universities by the previous government, the minister said the funds were not enough to establish a new university. **ENS**

Sessions court denies anticipatory bail to Geeklurn Institute co-director

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A CITY civil and sessions court has rejected the anticipatory bail petition of S Arun Kumar, co-director of Geeklurn Institute, who has been accused of allegedly cheating 1,800 students by raising a loan of Rs 48 crore in their names from banks.

Passing the order, LXII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge A Eranna said, "Considering the gravity and seriousness of the offence, this court is of the view that the petitioner is not entitled to anticipatory bail. I am of the view that there are no reasonable and sufficient grounds which warrant this court to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail at this stage."

Claiming that there is no mention of his involvement in the complaint, the accused contended that he was in no way connected to the business run by the firm. He only submitted Income tax returns and collected the fees, he claimed.

The public prosecutor objected that the investigation has revealed that the petitioner is not only a chartered accountant, but also a co-director of the firm. The investigation report revealed that the petitioner helped to open bank accounts and filed the application as a co-applicant. He is involved in the firm's financial transactions and crores of rupees were transferred from different banks to the firm's account. The case is under investigation. If he is released on bail, he may abscond, the public prosecutor argued.

Referring to the complaint, the public prosecutor also argued that after obtaining the loan from banks in the students' name, the firm did not give them the amount. In all, the firm obtained a loan of Rs 48 crore from banks in the name of more than 1,800 students. In this regard, more than 90 persons have lodged complaints, the prosecutor told the court.

According to the FIR, Geeklurn Institute lured students through advertisements stating that they provide a Data Science programme through a social media platform at zero cost EMI and that there is a facility to repay the amount after their placement. The EMI will be paid in the form of a scholarship to the account of the students.

Student detained for voyeurism at apartment

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

MAHADEVAPURA police have detained a student in the city on the charge of voyeurism. The police initiated action against him based on a complaint filed by four women from Thigalarapalya in Hoodi on Thursday. In their complaint, the women accused the student and his friends, who are living in a paying guest accommodation adjacent to their apartment off ITPL Main Road, of taking their photos and filming them when they were in the bathroom.

The student and his friends were reportedly using the vent space in the building to click pictures of the women.

One of the women, who caught the student red-handed, checked his cell phone and was shocked to see her nude pictures and videos. The cell phone also had pictures and videos of her flatmates.

All four women hail from northeastern states and work in the city. It is said that the student and his friends have been capturing the images of the women for six months.

"The student is from Bagepalli in Chikkaballapur district. His cell phone is being examined. Statements from the women have been recorded. A search is on to nab the other accused." said a police officer. A case of voyeurism has been registered against the student and his friends.

Shakti eats into KSRTC premium bus rides

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

AFTER the launch of the Shakti scheme, which offers free travel for women in ordinary government buses, the demand for Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) premium bus services has witnessed a dip of over 20 per cent.

Sources from the bus corporation confirmed that there was a dip in demand for premium buses like the Rajahamsa, Airavat and Vaibav, including the recently launched electric bus service, EV Power Plus, to different destinations from Bengaluru like Mysuru, Madikeri, Virajpet and Davangere. However, they are confident that passengers will return to the premium services after euphoria around the free scheme fades out.

"Ever since the Shakti scheme was launched on June 11 across the state, the demand for premium services has witnessed a dip of more than 20 per cent. While the scheme does not have any impact on long-route buses, the ones which do have a journey time of around five hours have witnessed a slight hit like the premium services to Bengaluru-Mysuru," a source said.

Prashanth M, a regular commuter on KSRTC electric bus service from Bengaluru to Mysuru, said he travelled in the ordinary bus last week as his wife wished to make use of the free bus service. "It is good that the government is offering free travel to women. Compared to electric buses, we reached almost an hour late. If I am travelling alone, I prefer electric buses only," he said.

The source added that those who are used to the premium services will only wish to travel in such buses. "Whenever any free service is offered by the government, we find a lot of people going to experience it. Those who want comfort and smooth travel will always prefer premium services. Also, premium buses reach destinations early reducing the travel time. For example, the electric buses from Bengaluru will directly go to Mysuru on the expressway and will not enter Ramanagar and Mandya like ordinary buses in which free rides are allowed," the source said.

KSRTC to take strict action if staff misbehave with passengers in buses

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DESPITE clear instructions to conductors and drivers of KSRTC buses to behave courteously with passengers, especially women, there are instances of conductors hitting passengers.

In a video that has gone viral on social media, a North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) bus conductor slapped an elderly woman in a bus that is said to be from Hubballi. While staffers of the bus corporation getting into fights and arguments with passengers is nothing new, such incidents have gone up after the launch of the Shakti scheme.

Recently, a video of a KSRTC driver menacingly driving the bus into a small group of women, who were trying to stop the bus to board it from Nagenahalli Gate in Koratagere in Tumakuru, had gone viral on social media. Following this, the corporation received widespread criticism over the behaviour of the driver.

Facing flak over such incidents, KSRTC last week issued a circular stating that action will be taken against bus drivers and conductors if they do not behave courteously with passengers.

The circular directed the staff to carry out their work efficiently and ensure that passengers do not have complaints. It also asked the staff to stop buses at every bus stop and not to avoid women passengers.

An official said the conductor who slapped the elderly woman has been served a show-cause notice.

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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS HONOURING JUSTICE G.N. SABHAHIT

ANNUAL LECTURES ON LAW AND LEGISLATION

The Justice G.N. Sabhahit Memorial Lecture Trust was established with the purpose of imparting legal education to the general public through annual lectures on diverse aspects of law and legislative enactments. It is named after the esteemed G.N. Sabhahit, a renowned figure hailing from North Kanara District, who distinguished himself as a knowledgeable advocate. Justice Sabhahit, a prominent social worker, esteemed author, and distinguished judge of the High Court of Karnataka, is commemorated each year through a lecture series inaugurated in 1994 by the Justice GNS Memorial Trust. These lectures are conducted in Karwar and Bengaluru in collaboration with the District Bar Association Karwar.

This year, a total of 25 lectures were organized, featuring eminent legal personalities such as Justice Venkatachelaya, Justice Rama Joish, Justice Santhosh Hegde and many others who delivered talks on various facets of law. The Trust consistently arranges these lectures annually with the invaluable support and cooperation of the District Bar Association, Karwar.

The Life of Late Justice G.N. Sabhahit

Born in 1923 in the coastal village of Haladipur in Uttar Kannada District, Justice Gajanan Narayan Sabhahit received his education in Honavar, Sangli, Pune, and Belgaum. After completing his law degree, Justice Sabhahit briefly pursued a career in teaching before joining the legal profession as an advocate in Honavar in 1949.

Soon after establishing a successful practice there, he relocated to Karwar, the district headquarters, in 1956. Recognising his exceptional abilities, he was appointed as the Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor while continuing his work as a practicing lawyer.

Justice Sabhahit's involvement extended beyond his legal career. He served as the Convener of Yakshgana Sammelana during the Akhil Karnataka Sahitya Sammelana in Kumata in 1954, and as the General Secretary of the Akhil Karnataka Sahitya Sammelana in Karwar in 1965.

He held the position of Vice-President of the District Local Board and was the founding Chairman of the North Canara District Industrial Co-operative Bank. Additionally, he served as the President of the Rotary Club in Karwar and held the position of Chairman of the District Library.

Recognised for his legal expertise, Justice Sabhahit was appointed as the District and Sessions Judge in 1965. He served with distinction in various districts, including Bangalore, Tumkur, and Dharwad.

Notably, he played a pioneering role as the Director of the newly constituted Directorate of Prosecution in the North range. In 1977, he was elevated to the position of Additional Judge of the Karnataka High Court, a role he held until his confirmation in 1978.

As a judge, he rendered distinguished service for seven years until his untimely passing in November 1984. He possessed extensive knowledge of all branches of law and approached complex legal problems with ease and confidence. Recognised for his sincerity and dedication, Justice Sabhahit was respected for his expeditious resolution of cases. His judicial contributions were substantial and highly regarded.

Justice Sabhahit's contribution to the legal field extended to the realm of literature, with his unique treatises and commentaries. His notable works encompass the Karnataka Rent Control Act, Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal and Compensation, Sentencing by Courts in India, and the Karnataka Private Educational Institutions (Discipline & Control) Act. These works have been widely acknowledged and well-received.

Apart from his legal pursuits, Justice Sabhahit was a distinguished scholar in Sanskrit and Kannada, known for his eloquence and engaging conversational skills.

Justice Sabhahit's father passed away while he was pursuing his studies. After his marriage, he shouldered the responsibility of providing for the education and marriages of his four brothers and five sisters. He primarily lived in a joint family setting, where his wife, Janaki, diligently managed the kitchen and graciously served meals to relatives, friends, and clients during his tenure as a lawyer. When asked by his friends as to why he did not build his own house, he used to tell, 'My children's are my asset and I have given them good education. That is my biggest investment'. His first son was late Justice Vishnu Bcom LLM, while his daughter Shobha holds BA LLB. His second son, Narayan is BE PGDM while his third son, Ganesh hold MTECH and his fourth son, Ravi is Bsc LLB.

(By his children as well as Chairman & Trustees, Justice G.N. Sabhahit Memorial Lectures Trust, Karwar)

EXPRESS READ

Stray dog attacks 5 in Dharwad bus stand

Dharwad: A rabid dog bit five people, including three schoolschildren, Alnavar bus terminal in Dharwad on Friday. The five have been admitted to a hospital and are reportedly out of danger. People at the terminal, who helped chase away the rabid dog, blamed the administration for negligence. An eyewitness said the stray dogs menace needs to be addressed on priority by the authorities concerned. Children and elderly people are an easy target. **ENS**

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The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has approached Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa to do a study on the impact of mobile phones and cyber crime on students

‘NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO INVEST IN PROPERTIES’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BENGALURU is not just the silicon valley of the country, but it is also the hub of the real estate market. The city sets the benchmark for deciding the initial deposit for property owners or for fine tuning the processes to check documents and to build infrastructure.

Amit Kumar Agarwal, CEO and co-founder of NoBroker.com, in a conversation with The New Sunday Express speaks about the reasons behind citizens seeking gated communities and how one should avoid investing only on residential properties.

How has the real market changed post-Covid?
In real estate, you need to break it in terms of rental, buy/sell and commercial. In rentals, the market was bad for owners during Covid, especially in cities like Bengaluru because many went back to their hometowns and flats remained vacant. Owners who depended on rental income were in trouble. But post-Covid, it is exactly the opposite. The demand is high and customers are happy to pay more, but supply is limited as no new construction happened during Covid. As companies have called their employees back to offices, suddenly there is an influx of employees, and everybody wants to live in a gated apartment close to their office. In specific areas, rentals have spiked 30-40%.

What about buy and sell?
I had assumed that buy and sell would see a crash during Covid, but the opposite happened. This is because not many middle and upper middle-class jobs were lost when compared to the lower middle-class. Covid coincided with the bottoming of the real estate cycle, because in early years GST and demonetisation had happened. In general, in India, 2010-20 had not been great in terms of capital appreciation. The 2000-2010 period was excellent because of the big IT boom and increase in prices. Then 2020 saw a huge demand in buy and sell from end customers. Villas were sold like hot cakes during Covid. But in the commercial sector, it was horrendous as people either left places or asked owners to reduce the rent.

How do you see the growth of real estate in 2020-30?
I say 2020-30 will be very good for buy and sell and the reason is every asset class -- be it real estate, gold or equity -- goes through ups and downs and that is the nature of the market. The most logical explanation is that today, end consumers are buying property, and right now people compare rent with EMI and they buy a house.

In which parts of Bengaluru has real estate picked up post-Covid?
Hebbal was anyways a good area so that continues. Right now, areas along Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, HSR Layout, Koramangala and Indiranagar are doing well. But for the longer term, I would say entire Bengaluru seems good if you want to buy a property.

What should be the principle to purchase a property?
The principle that you should use is to figure out the rental yield percentage. The way it is defined is the rent we get in the property for the year divided by the value of the property. Suppose a property is worth Rs 1 crore and the rent is Rs 30,000, the yearly rent is around Rs 3.6 lakh. As a ratio of Rs 1 crore, it is 3.6%. In terms of weightage, if it is more than 2.5-3%, it is a good buy. This is because you will get 8% as the loan value as interest on the EMI. Less than 3% means either the rent is too low, or the property is too expensive.

Has flooding, encroachments in Bengaluru affected the real estate sector?
Despite residents paying high taxes and the city being cash-rich, I feel we don't invest much in basic services to prevent incidents like floods. Often, we wait for a crisis to happen before we wake up. Prices of luxury properties have crashed. It has been bad for those areas. Not only have buyers' prices collapsed, even the rentals have crashed because nobody wants to take risks.

There is a boom in real estate in Bengaluru, but how is the situation in Tier-2 & 3 cities?
Metros continue to be the attraction point. People are shifting because of jobs and they feel metros provide a good quality of life. Real estate in Tier 2 and 3 cities is picking up because smart cities are coming up and many airports have been constructed. Also, companies feel that hiring tech and call centre staff from cities like Mysuru or Lucknow is much cheaper and employees stay longer. That is why such cities, including Jaipur, Surat, Mysuru, Visakhapatnam and many others, are becoming important. Also, real estate plots are being given more importance. For example in Mysuru, more people want to buy plots. The gated community culture is not so prevalent in Tier 2 cities.

Vaastu seems to be becoming more prevalent nowadays than before...
Indian customers believe in Vaastu. It's a reality and even builders have accepted it. Property owners display these details and customers make decisions based on this.

Are more Indians and NRIs investing in properties?
No matter where NRIs live, they love buying properties in India. Most of our customers, I would say half of them, come from Dubai. That's why we opened our office in Dubai. A large percentage of them come from the US, Singapore and other countries from across the world. Whatever jobs they do, they have a notion that one day they will return to India or they buy properties for their parents. Over the years, NRIs investing in India has become very strong.

What is the percentage?
Percentage wise, our NRI business has grown 50% YoY. In fact, now we are also doing property management services for NRIs.

Are people investing because prices are going up?
Today, more youngsters are investing than what the pattern was 20 years ago. Disposable incomes have increased and getting a home loan has become easy. Some 20-30 years ago, people would buy properties in their 50s and the loan percentage would be 30-40 because they would give 60-70 percent of the value of the property from their own savings. Now, it is exactly the reverse. People want to buy when they are in their 20s and 30s and they want to take 80-90% loan. They are comfortable because they believe their salaries will go up and they will be able to handle the loans.

The government is also into housing. What is the difference between them and the private agencies?
The government building apartments is an extremely good initiative. Its focus is on affordable housing and it has made housing loans affordable.

Post-Covid, builders started making 2.5 BHK homes. One can draw a parallel to people buying big cars...
During Covid and soon after that, people were working from home. For 2-3 years, work and interviews were through digital platforms. People discovered that they needed much more office space than what they were using because now they had to spend their entire day at home. I think that's the reason people have shifted to 2.5 BHK and 3BHK. People are buying SUVs not just because they have more money, it is because there are so many potholes and they want to protect their families.

Bengaluru has always had potholes...
Yes, perhaps the sale of SUVs has increased because people have more money. It is not that people want more space, they just want a more comfortable ride.

Which city in India has picked up the most in terms of house-buying capacity?
The heroes keep changing every year. Last year, it was Hyderabad. Huge sales of houses happened. Before that, it was NCR, Gurugram and now some pockets of Bengaluru.

What is the component of women in your customer base?
The women customer base has been on the rise since 2014. This is because more women are working and taking financial decisions. Despite the husband starting the search, the woman takes the final call.

Leasing houses was very popular in Bengaluru. Why has it come down?
Leasing houses, which is prevalent in Bengaluru, recently extended to Mumbai. When we launched No Broker, we got maximum requests for leases from Bengaluru. The reason why it has reduced is that youngsters in the city cannot afford such hefty amounts. However, it's still very popular.

The initial deposit amount sought is very high. Those coming from outside the city find it difficult to pay.
Only in Bengaluru, this happens. Owners ask for a 10-12 month deposit. There is no logic. All other cities have 2-3 months of deposit. A Bill came before the Lok Sabha that said only 2-3 months of rent should be sought for the deposit. If that comes into action, it will be illegal to charge so much deposit.

A tweet went viral about owners asking for marksheets. Does this happen?
I don't think so. It just reflects the current situation where in some pockets the demand for houses is on the rise and owners have more choices.

Religious discrimination continues in buying properties...
This is very unfortunate that even after 75 years, we still go through this. A small fraction of people do it. Not just religion, but even food habits continue to be a criteria.

How do you use AI? Are you using generative AI?
The objective is to make customers' lives better. AI takes data from the information given and then suggests you more relevant information. The AI model develops a Rent O Meter, in which the data for certain properties is fed and the system learns and gives out predictions for other similar properties.

Are there plans for exploring and expanding the platform in other regional languages?
We have been in discussion about this and working on it. This is our future plan.

What tips would you give to a person who wants to start a start-up?
The first tip would be, don't start a start-up unless you are very enthusiastic about your idea. The reality is that 90% of the start-ups fail. It looks glamorous because of Shark Tank and other such concepts. It's extremely risky, requires hard work and it's an arduous journey. A person must be really passionate about his idea and should have a long-term execution vision, keeping in mind the finances at least for the next 1-2 years. Otherwise, you will get demotivated very soon.

How was your experience with government agencies and how governments are encouraging start-ups?
We did not have much to do with government agencies, because despite being in real estate, what we do is more of a consumer internet platform. But the governments are encouraging start-ups. The Prime Minister talking about start-ups and unicorns makes one proud and makes it easier for parents to allow their children to join start-ups. Generally, the government talking about start-ups itself encourages the entire ecosystem. Programmes like start-up incubators, grants, space, loans and access to customers that governments provide, many such good things are happening.

Which are the sectors that are picking up now?
Start-ups are now focusing towards complex problems like defence, space, climate change and water. Many start-ups are coming in these sectors. There is an acute need for more start-ups to work on climate and water. Water is a huge problem. I hope start-ups will now take up more challenging and more advanced problems.

What are the other services you are going to offer in the future and are you planning to go onboard the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform?
We are looking at ONDC seriously. But ONDC is mostly a B2B or B2C and ours is a C2C platform. Unless customers start using it for real estate, it doesn't make much sense now. But ONDC is a revolutionary platform. As far as our company is concerned, we already have many services and the objective is to gain a higher market share in the existing services and expand to more cities.

Bengaluru is growing vertically, but still many prefer to buy plots and villas. Can people afford to buy individual properties in future?
It appears that as time passes by, more gated communities will come up and independent houses will reduce. In terms of security, amenities and things people want for their children, there is a preference towards gated communities. Developers are also making more gated communities. People either want gated communities or villas, which is basically a higher segment.

Is there any tax relief for start-ups?
Start-ups do not make profits initially so tax relief doesn't apply to them. The government has given a six-year tax holiday which helps. The government's approach towards start-ups has been favourable and some concession is being given for start-ups in every budget.

There is already a start-up policy. What suggestions or changes do you want the government to make?
Right now, the policies are much more focused on encouraging talent in metro cities, but there is amazing talent in the northeast and I haven't seen many entrepreneurs coming from that part of the country. More work is required in making these initiatives much more geographically diverse so that talent from every nook and corner can come up. In terms of policy design, I would give very good marks as many have benefited.

What suggestions would you like to give to those who are interested in investing in real estate?
Think what will happen in 5-10 years and is this the place you want to live in. Suppose you are buying for your retirement and if you are in your 40s, it's too early to think about it. Keep your workplace in mind while investing. When you are closer to retirement, think whether you need more peace, less noise and choose accordingly. I would suggest investing in commercial properties. Most middle class people look only at residential properties for investment. But even a 50-100 sqft commercial property can fetch good returns. If you are looking at appreciation, do consider small commercial properties.

Is this the right time to buy a property?
If you want to buy your own house, it's a great time to buy a property.

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After much confusion, BJP says Kateel still party state president

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REPORTS of Dakshina Kannada MP Nalin Kumar Kateel tendering his resignation as BJP state president after accepting responsibility for the party's poll debacle in Karnataka played out on television channels and social media sites on Saturday morning. However, a couple of hours later, the BJP state office clarified that Kateel continued to be the party state chief.

Kateel's supposed resignation did not come as a surprise as his term of three years ended over seven months ago. But he was allowed to continue till the Assembly elections.

Nalin Kumar Kateel

Reports earlier in the day stated that he had given his resignation orally and also in writing. But later, the BJP state office put out a press release with quotes of Kateel saying, "I have not resigned from the post of state president of the party."

While BJP clarified that media reports were far from the truth, Kateel himself was not available for comments on Saturday.

On Friday, he had told the media in Ballari that a team of seven members, including former chief ministers BS Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi will start preparations for the next year's Lok Sabha elections. He had said the party will be strengthened from the booth and district levels and activities will be held to boost the morale of party workers.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders are heading to Belagavi for a party meeting on Sunday. They are expected to choose the party state president and leader of the opposition. They could also decide on whips for the Upper and Lower Houses.

NO MORE WAITING

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurates Sheegra Darshan (quick darshan) for senior citizens at Sri Dodda Ganapathi Temple in Bengaluru on Saturday

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SHETTAR TO WORK ON CONG OUTREACH IN N-K REGION

Hubballi: MLC Jagdish Shettar said the Congress will win six to seven seats out of eleven in North Karnataka in the 2024 general elections. The former CM told reporters here on Saturday that he has informed the Congress leadership that he will invest all his time in building the party organisation in North Karnataka and prepare the grounds for the upcoming election.

The party has promised to give him more responsibilities in the coming days. Stating that becoming a member of the Upper House is the start of his second innings in politics, Shettar said he never hankered for any post or position. Asked if the Congress will appoint him chairman of the Council, he said it was left to the party leadership. He added the party has assured him of giving a higher position. **ENS**

CM chairs meet to explore rice procurement options

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A DAY after talks between Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal and Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa failed to yield any result over the procurement of rice for the Anna Bhagya scheme, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday held a high-powered meeting to explore other possibilities to procure 2.28 metric tonnes of rice.

Senior officers, including Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goyal and secretaries of department concerned apprised the CM on states that have offered to help Karnataka with rice, sources told TNSE.

In the over one-hour meeting, issues related to price and transportation of rice from other states or the central agencies were also discussed, they added. Earlier, Siddaramaiah told reporters that the Central government has refused to give rice to disrupt the state's Anna Bhagya scheme. "They have tonnes of rice, and they will auction it to private organisations, but not to the states. They are not willing to give rice despite the fact that we are ready to pay for it," he said.

Siddaramaiah

"Of the five guarantees, the Shakti scheme, which offers free travel for women in government buses, has already been launched. The free electricity scheme will be implemented from July 1. Although we are willing to provide rice, it is not available as 2.28 lakh metric tonnes is required. Therefore, we have asked for the price quotation from government agencies like National Cooperative Consumers' Federation Of India, Kendriya Bhandar, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, and negotiations have taken place," he said.

A decision will be taken regarding the quantity and price of rice as tenders should be called to procure rice in the open market. "Distribution of maize and ragi is an option and it will be given up to 6 months as there is not enough stock to supply for the whole year."

EXPRESS READ

Central govt will implement UCC soon to curb inequality, says Eshwarappa

Bengaluru: BJP leader K S Eshwarappa said the uniform civil code will be implemented in the country to curb inequality and polygamy. He was speaking after inaugurating a meeting of BJP workers at Shivashantha Mangal Bhavan in the city on Friday. "All Indians are equal. Indians should be united irrespective of caste and religion. That is why a uniform civil code is necessary. This will be implemented by the central government soon," he said. He criticised the Congress guarantees terming them "false assurances". "If the guarantees are not implemented as promised, we will protest both inside and outside the Assembly," he said. **ENS**

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Refer to the Advt. No.21/2023 published in this newspaper on 13th June 2023 for recruitment for the faculty positions in IISER Tirupati.

The para 1 of the said advertisement may be read as **"IISER Tirupati invites online applications from Indian nationals, including eligible Persons of Indian Origins (PIOs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) and Non Resident Indian (NRIs) having excellent academic record and relevant work experience for faculty positions on regular basis in various disciplines"** instead of "IISER Tirupati invites online applications from Indian nationals having excellent academic record and relevant work experience for faculty positions on regular basis in various disciplines".

The rest of the contents of Advt. No.21/2023 shall remain unchanged.

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor on **25.04.2022,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **11.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 64,16,270/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Only) as on **21.06.2023** and further interest at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Jeevanand .J (Borrower/s).** The Reserve Price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under :-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last Date for Receipt EMD	Date of E - Auction
Rs. 30,17,000/-	Rs. 3,01,700/-	Rs. 50,000/-	10.07.2023	11.07.2023

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/910

Sale deed No: MDP-1-05391-2015-16 CD No. MDPD171 Date 30-10-2015.

Description of property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.109, in the First Floor, Building Known as **"Sri.Vyshnavi Towers",** measuring 1030 sq.ft with super built up area containing Two Bed Rooms, with RCC Roofing Vitrified tiles Flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, staircase and lifts (including half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and floors of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels), 256 sq.ft undivided share, right title and interest constructed on property bearing No.46/4A, No.47/1 and 47/2, BBMP Khatha No 1039/174/714, No 7 (Old Khatha No.467/1) New BBMP Khatha No 551/467/1/209/46, No.551 BBMP Khatha No.551/467/1/209/46, BBMP Katha No 1128/610/1/467/4A Village Panchayath Khatha No.573/573/47/1/1, Panchayath Khatha No.487, Panchayath Khatha No.551, Village Panchayath Khatha No. 365, Presently bearing amalgamated Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Khatha No. 1039/714, in all measuring 17947 sq.ft, situated at Belathur Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on: East :** Road, **West :** Private property, **North :** Private property, **South :** Road.

2) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers / Guarantors, that the below described immovable properties mortgaged /charged to the Secured creditor, **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, ARMB, Bangalore, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **11.07.2023** for recovery of Rs. **56,34,890/-** (Rupees fifty six lakh thirty four thousand eight hundred ninty only) as on **21-06-2023** + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shi Mallesh K S** S/o Dr. K N Sreerama Setty, **2. Smt. Rashmi K M** W/o Mallesh K S, residing at addresses No.157, I Block, Water Tank Road, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085 (Borrower/s). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last Date for Receipt EMD	Date of E - Auction
Rs. 34,00,000/-	Rs. 3,40,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	10.07.2023	11.07.2023

Tender No : SBI/SARB/2023-24/911

Description of property : All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Flat No. G-28 in Ground Floor, in project "NISARGA KEERTHANA" measuring super built-up area of 1306 sqft and undivided share of 413 sqft constructed on Survey No. 103/1 and 103/2 at Chandapur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore with Chandapura VP Khata No. 1984/994 standing in the name of Sri. Mallesh K S and Smt. Rashmi K M and bounded on : **East by :** Reddy, Earanna's Property ; **West by :** Y. Muni Reddy's Property; **North by :** Road ; **South by :** Pilla Reddy's Property

3) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **11.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 1,22,68,817/-** (Rupees one crore twenty two lakh sixty eight thousand eight hundred seventeen only) as on **17.05.2023** + expenses + costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri Gowtham Suryavamshi,** S/o K.S. Ganesh Rao (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last Date for Receipt EMD	Date of E - Auction
INR 61,70,000/-	INR 6,17,000/-	INR 1,00,000/-	10.07.2023	11.07.2023

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/909

Description of property : (Title deed holder: Sri Gowtham Suryavamshi) All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.003 in Ground Floor, (3BHK), measuring 1715 sq. ft of super built up area put up in property forming part of apartment building known as "Nandi Shelters", together with 451 sq. ft of undivided share, title, interest and ownership and sital area comprising of the Flat consisting of 3 Bed Rooms, Hall, Dining, Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom and Toilets, consisting of Flush doors and MS Windows, having vitrified flooring and one car parking marked as at the Stilt/Basement Floor constructed on land bearing Sy.No.53/2, (duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, as per Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN/(S.U)SR.84/2012-13 dated 03.11.2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru), situated at Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli, Ward No.184, assigned New BBMP Khatha No.44/ Sy.No.53/2, measuring an extent of 0-31 guntas, and bounded on : **East by :** Land in Sy.No. 53/3 and 53/4, **West by :** Land in Sy.No. 53/1 and Road, **North by :** Land in Sy.No. 55 and **South by :** Land in Sy.No. 53/4.

4) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers / Guarantors, that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, SARC, Bangalore, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **11.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 38,07,573/-** (Rupees Thirty eight Lakhs seven thousand five hundred Seventy three only) as on **21-06-2023** + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri S Tarachand** S/o G.Swamy Naik, and **2) Smt. L S Vimala Devi** W/o S. Tarachand, both are residing at addresses 1386/1, 7th Main A Block, Sahakar nagar, Near Vivekanand School, Bengaluru – 560092 and also at Flat No.105, 1st Floor, Jeypee Hill Top Apartment, Bohra Layout, Gottigere Village, Bannerghatta Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangaluru 560 083 and also at Quarter No- 85E, Type-V, GPRA campus, Gachibowli, Hyderabad-500032 (Borrower/s). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last Date for Receipt EMD	Date of E - Auction
Rs.32,70,000/-	Rs. 3,27,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	10.07.2023	11.07.2023

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/912

Description of property : All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing No. 105, 1st Floor, "Jey Pee Hill Top" having 1040 sq feet, super built-up area of the residential apartment, standing in the joint names Shri. S. Tarachand S/o Late G. Swamy Naik and Smt. S. Vimala Devi W/o. S. Tarachand, together with proportionate share of common area along with one covered car parking and common areas such as open space, in the land corridors, pavements, staircase as open space in land corridors, pace mount staircase, garden area pump house open space at cellar portion water storage overhead tank and sump electric room watchman's room right of way and other space enjoyed by all the building owners commonly with each other being the subject of proportionate undivided ownership among the other owners of the Apartment

All undivided right, title and interest of 272 sq feet in the properties bearing Khatha No.997 & 998, House List No.81 & 82, Village Panchayath Assessment Reg No.3451 & 3452 , measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, Plot No.107, Khata No. 1023, House List No. 107, Assessment Reg No. 3477, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 35 feet and Plot No.6, Khata No. 1022, House List No. 106 Asst No.3476, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 35 feet, respectively admeasuring 6600 sq feet out of the property bearing Sy. No. 82 & 83, converted for residential property as per official memorandum vide B/Dis/ALN/SR/S57/1991-92 dated 01.10.1991 by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike together with all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above surface, bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property No. 80 & 108 and **South by :** Property No. 83 and 105.

5) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **11.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 86,98,557/-** (Rupees Eighty-Six Lacs Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven only) as on **21.06.2023** + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **1. Mrs. Sunitha B.C** W/o Ravindra M.R **(a) PROP: M/S. RSSH GROUP,** # 1 Rayasandra Devanahalli Bangalore Rural Dist., 562110 & (b) # 375/7 4th Division Manjunath Lay out 22nd ward Budigere Road Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural Dist., 562110 & **2. SRI. Ravindra M.R** S/o RAMANACHARI, **(a) OFF: FRRO MHA** No. 55 Double Road Indiranagar Bangalore 560053, (b)# 375/7 4th Division Manjunath Lay out 22nd ward Budigere Road Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural Dist., 562110 (Borrowers). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last Date for Receipt EMD	Date of E - Auction
Rs. 85,30,000/-	Rs. 8,53,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	10.07.2023	11.07.2023

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/908

Description of property : Property: - (Title deed holder : Smt. Sunitha BC w/o Ravindra M.R) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Plot and Building property bearing No. 375/7 4th Division Manjunath Lay out 22nd ward Budigere Road Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural Dist., (site No. 7, Old Purasabe Katha No. 375/7 katha No. 1335/7/375/7,) measuring East – West: 40 ft & North – South: 30 ft & bounded on. **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** 30 ft Road, **North by :** Property No. 6, **South by :** Property No. 8.

6) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured creditor, **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **11.07.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 67,21,940/-** (Rupees Sixty seven lakhs twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty only) as on **21.06.2023** + interest + expenses and costs, due to **State Bank of India,** Secured creditor from **Sri. Suraj .U** S/o Sri. Suresh. The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under :-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date of E - Auction
Rs. 41,50,000/-	Rs. 4,15,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	11.07.2023

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/907

Description of property : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Title deed holder: Sri. Suraj U S/o Sri. Suresh) All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land being Southern portion of land bearing Sy.No.41, measuring 30 guntas, assigned with **BBMP Khatha No. 310/41/1 (18647 Sq. Feet)** and **BBMP Khatha No. 310/41** measures **(14023 Sq. Feet)** situated at Vajrahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore held in the name of and **bounded on: East by :** Property belonging to Bangalore City Co-op. Housing Society Ltd, **West by :** 30 ft. Road, **North by :** 40 Ft. Road, **South by :** 40 ft. Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 420 Sq.ft of undivided share in the "Scheduled A" property together with all rights attached thereto.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Residential Apartment bearing Block "B" No: B 205 situated on the Second Floor of "MAHAGHAR'S" VAJRA", measuring 1450 sq.feet of built up area, vitrified flooring together with Two covered car parking area in the basement held in the name of Sri. Suraj, constructed on BBMP Khatha No. 310/14/1 which measures (18647 sq.feet) located in schedule – "A" property and bounded on the : **East by :** Flat No B 204, **West by :** Flat No. B 206, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** 40 ft. Road.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 23.06.2023
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
SARB, Bangalore

Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

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Marathahalli Branch

PUBLIC NOTICE POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX-IV (See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12), 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002, issued a demand notice dated 26.11.2021 calling upon the Borrower/s **Smt. S. Martina Glory Alias S. Glory** W/o. Jayaraj .C, **Sri. C. Jayaraj and Sri. J. Stephen Jerome** S/o. C. Jayaraj All are Residing at No. 224, JRS 3rd Main Road, Near Community Hall, Anandapuram, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560 075, demanding to repay the amount of **Rs. 24,88,178/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by her, within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrower/s has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property owned by **Smt. S. Martina Glory Alias S. Glory** mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realising the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on her under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **23rd day of June 2023.**

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha for a sum of **Rs. 25,07,059/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seven Thousand and Fifty Nine) on **23.06.2023** with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing vacant site No. 2314/B, situated at Anandapuram Slum, HAL 3rd Stage, Konena Agrahara, Bangalore measuring East to West 9.14 mtrs and North to South 7.60 + 9.72/2 Mtrs in all measuring 79.15 Mtrs and **bounded on the : East by :** Site No. 2314/C, **West by :** Site No. 2314/A, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No. 2313 and 2312

Date: 23.06.2023
Place: Bangalore.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Works Branch, Madurai Division

Tender Notice No. MDU-W-14-2023 dated 21.06.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager/Works/Southern Railway/ Madurai invites e-tenders for the following works. **Tender closing date for Item No.1 to 9 on 13.07.2023 at 14.00 hrs.**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	App. Value Rs. in Lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of Completion
1	Zonal piece works contract - Zone C1 Virudunagar P.way section for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024	93.83	187700	12 Months
2	Zonal piece works contract - Zone C3 Tuticorin P.way section for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024.	89.44	178900	12 Months
3	Zonal piece works contract - Zone C4 Tirunelveli and Srivaikundam P. way sections for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024	105.23	202600	12 Months
4	Zonal piece works contract - Zone C6 Punalur P.way section for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024	98.83	197700	12 Months
5	Senior Section Engineer/Permanent way/ Pudukkottai section: Standardization of formation at isolated locations between km.418.600 to 457.950 in between stations Kumaramangalam and Pudukkottai.	384.19	342100	12 Months
6	Sr.DEN/Central/MDU Jurisdiction:- Supply of potable water to level crossing gates between MDU-DG, MDU-MNM & MNM-VPT stations for the period of 24 months - 49 LCs.	17.33	34700	24 Months
7	Palani: Dismantling of condemned staff Qrs No. PLNI/1, 15A-D, 20A-B, 52A-E, 113A-D, 114A-D, 115A-D, 119A-D, 122A-D, 127A-D, 132A-D. 135A-D, 136A-D, 11 (49 units)	6.91	13800	09 Months
8	Assistant Divisional engineer/Karaikkudi sub division: Supply, installation and commissioning of gauge face lubricators on curves for 2 degree and above (Hydraulic type) complete system as per RDSO technical specification, 22 Numbers at various locations in Senior Section Engineer Permanent way / Pudukkkottai, Sivaganga & Mandapam jurisdiction.	121.34	210700	06 Months
9	Dindigul Yard - Enhancement of speed over Road No. 4 & 5 of up and down main line by removing the existing cement concrete apron arrangements.	145.33	222700	06 Months

(Items 9 only)

Further details are available in detail on website **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s)/ Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

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R.O. No.: 590 **e-Tender corrigendum Notice-1** **Date: 24.06.2023**

In reference to invited e-NIT No. 01/UJVNL/DGM(CD-II)/Lakhwar/ 2023-24 for Engagement of Project Management Consultant for Lakhwar MPP (300 MW) on River Yamuna in District Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Corrigendum of bid is uploaded on the e-procurement portal.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in"** **DGM(CD-II), CD&H, Pashulok, Rishikesh**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORIGINAL CONFIRMATION DEED, bearing Doc. No.KEN-1-00253/2008-09, Book No.1, CD No.KEND395, dated 24-04-2008, SRO, Kengeri, Bangalore, belonging to Sri. M. S. HARISH BABU, No.268, 11th E Cross, 20th Main, 2nd Phase, J. P. Nagar, BANGALORE-560 078, has been lost. Police Complaint lodged in E-Lost Application of Bangalore City Police, vide Lost Report No.0590670/2023, dated 06-06-2023. Founder inform at: 9620076179.

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CIN: U40109MP2002SGC015120

No. CGM/S&P/EZ/GM-I/II/636 **Jabalpur, dtd:- 16.06.2023**

TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited for following services:-

S. No.	T.S No. DISCOM/EZ/PUR	NAME OF ITEMS	APPROX VALUE (Rs. in Lakhs)	TENDER FEE (in Rs.)	DATE OF OPENING OF TENDER
1	1350 (E-Tender No.2023_ PKVVC_284737_1)	Management of Operations of Centralized Call Center at MPPKVVCL, Jabalpur	3384.00	11,800/-	11.07.2023

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No. & Name and Address of the Borrower/s	Loan Amount(s)	Date of Demand Notice & Total Amount Outstanding
1.	**Loan Account No's: X0HEBAN00000886999, X0HEBAN00001952650, X0HEBAN00004438073:** **1. Anil Akiwate (Applicant),** No.109, A Wins 1st Floor, Aakruthi Home, Maheswari Nagar, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048. **2. Anil Akiwate (Applicant),** Door No.30/31, 1st Main, 4th Cross Lakshmi Sagar Layout, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048. **3. Anil Akiwate (Applicant),** No.506/8, M.K. Layout, Garudacharipalya, Whitefield Road, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore-560048. **4. Bhagya A (Co-Applicant),** No.109, A Wins 1st Floor, Aakruthi Home, Maheswari Nagar, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048. **5. Bhagya A (Co-Applicant),** Door No.30/31, 1st Main, 4th Cross Lakshmi Sagar Layout, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048. **6. Bhagya A (Co_Applicant)** No.506/8, M.K.Layout, Garudacharipalya, Whitefield Road, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore-560048. **7. M/S. Sai An Creation (Co-Applicant),** No.118/2, Iti Ancillavy Industrial Area, Whitefield Road, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048.	Rs. 22,00,000/- Rs. 20,00,000/- Rs. 26,00,000/-	14-06-2023 & Rs.36,89,586/- as on 14-06-2023 together with interest thereon
	Schedule 'A' (Schedule of Property): All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of Site No.6 Khatha No.165, Property No.42/2, Situated at Garudacharpalya (Mahadevapuyra Dhakle K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Comes Under Bbmp Ward No.82) Bangalore, Presently within the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Remaining Eastern Portion of same site No.6, **West by:** Site No.07, **North by:** Property belongs to Munikrishnappa, **South by: Road, Measuring:** East to West : 24 Feet and North to South : 30 Feet .Totally Measuring 720 Square Feet.		
2.	**Loan Account No's: X0HEBAN00002003288 :- 1. Krishna Murthy V (Applicant),** No 12-261, Muneeshwaran Iiiam Sapthagiri, Layout,Vidyaranayapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560097. **2. Rajkumari K (Co-Applicant),** No 12-261, Muneeshwaran Iiiam Sapthagiri, Layout,Vidyaranayapura, Bangalore, Karnataka-560097. **2. M/S. Jai Indian Motor Driving Training School (Co_Applicant),** No.1ab Complex, Near Samram Collage, Hesaragutta Main Road, Chikkabettahalli, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560097.	Rs. 75,72,631/-	14-06-2023 & Rs. 75,90,436/- as on 14-06-2023 together with interest thereon
	Schedule 'A' (Schedule of Property): All that piece and parcel of Residential House Bearing No.26 Khatha No.26/8, Situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Within the limits of BBMP New Khatha No.937/7/2/26 and **Bounded on: East By:** Road, **West By:** Site No.231, **North By:** Site No.27, **South By:** Site No.25 **Measuring East to West:** 62 1/2 Feet and **North to South:** 30 Feet.		
3.	**Loan Account No's: HE01GAL00000028031 :- 1. Prem Kumar David (Applicant),** No.17, 14th A Cross, Sheshadri Road, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town, Chinnappa Garden Bangalore Karnataka-560046. **2. Regina Violet David (Co-Applicant),** No.17, 14th A Cross, Sheshadri Road, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town, Chinnappa Garden Bangalore Karnataka-560046. **3. Omnipresence Impex Corp (Co-Applicant),** No 117, Tulsi Nilaya, Kalyan Nagar, Shani Mahathma Temple Road, 4th Cross, Hennur, Bangalore 560043.	Rs. 42,00,000/-	14-06-2023 & Rs. 43,10,649/- as on 14-06-2023 together with interest thereon
	Schedule 'A' (Schedule of Property): All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing New Municipal Corporation No.17, Pid No.92-55-17, Situated at 14th A Cross, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town Post Bangalore (Old Site No.32, Assessment No.86 Of Khayamgutta Baiderahalli, Bangalore 46th Division) Presently within the limits of BBMP, BBMP New Ward No.62, Old No.92, and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.31, **West by:** Site No.33, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.43, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all Measuring 1200 Square Feet along with Building Constructed Thereon. Within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration office.		

Date: 25-06-2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E Auction Date & Time : 26-07-2023 at 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Last Date of EMD Submission : 24-07-2023 upto 4.00 PM

Property Inspection Date & Time : 21-07-2023 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis.

S. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Detail of Properties along with Boundaries	Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) & Amount Present Outstanding amount (secure Debt)	Minimum Reserve Price (Amt. in lacs) EMD Amount Bid increase amount	Authorized Officer	EMD submission A/C Details	Property inspection Date & Time	Last Date & time of EMD Submission Status of Possession
1.	Mr. A V Hari S/o A L Venkatesh Smt. Shirisha A H W/o A V Hari	All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing no. 441, formed by Vijaya Bank Employees Housing Society Ltd, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently, BBMP Khata no. 385/ 385/ 386/ 383/ 441, Bilekahalli, Vijaya Bank layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West: Norther side 69 feet, East to West: Southern side 65 feet, 6 inches, North to South: Eastern side 22 feet, North to South: Western side 61 feet, in all measuring 2791 square feet.	Date : 31-12-2022 and amount Rs. 80,36,476.79 Rs.77,09,759.59 on 17.05.2023 plus further interest w.e.f 01.06.2023, costs, other charges and expense thereon.	Rs.213.52 Lacs Rs. 21.35 Lacs Rs.1 Lacs	Shri. Rajesh Dutt Chief Manager Mob.No. 8123440391	A/C name- E-Auction- PSB-EMD A/C No. 03481100003332 IFSC Code- PSIB0000348 Branch Name- Chickpet	21.07.2023 11.00 am to 4.00 pm	24.07.2023- 4.00 pm Symbolic possession
2.	Mr Boregowda S/o Bojegowda (Borrower) Smt. Annapoorna W/o Boregowda B Sh. K Guruprasad S/o Ramamurthi K	All that piece and parcel of the North Eastern portion of residential house bearing House list no. 6, V P Old Khata no. 117/1, situated at Kathriguppe Village, Kathriguppe Group Panchayat, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Municipal no. 5 (Old no. 6) situated at 2nd cross Road, Kaveri Nagara, Bangalore Ward no. 54, BBMP PID No. 54-298-5, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, total measuring 600 sq ft. with RCC Building of 10 squares built up area comprised in ground and first floor.	Date : 03-03-2023 and amount Rs. 67,18,504.79 Rs.68,31,747.79 on 17.05.2023 plus further interest w.e.f 01.06.2023, costs, other charges and expense thereon.	Rs.70 Lakhs Rs. 7 Lakhs Rs.1 Lakh	Shri. Rajesh Dutt Chief Manager Mob.No. 8123440391	A/C name- E-Auction- PSB-EMD A/C No. 03481100003332 IFSC Code- PSIB0000348 Branch Name- Chickpet	21.07.2023 11.00 am to 4.00 pm	24.07.2023- 4.00 pm Symbolic possession
3.	M/s V M Engineering Address: No 55/B/1, 1st floor, 1st Main, 1st Block, Thyagarajanagar. Proprietor: Sh. M Ramesh S/o P Murugesh Guarantor: Smt. Veenashree	All that piece and parcel of residential land and building bearing No 3878 PID 56-84-3878, 23rd Main, 35th cross, Dhobi Ghat, 2nd Stage Banshankari, Bangalore in the name of Smt M R Veenashree measuring East to West 7.62 mts and North to South 6.09 mts total measuring 46.40 mts.	Date : 01-02-2023 and amount Rs. 47,05,078.22 Rs.48,91,904.14 on 30.05.2023 plus further interest w.e.f 01.06.2023, costs, other charges and expense thereon.	Rs.61.45 Lakhs Rs. 6.15 Lakhs Rs.1 Lakh	Shri. Rajesh Dutt Chief Manager Mob.No. 8123440391	A/C name- E-Auction- PSB-EMD A/C No. 03481100003332 IFSC Code- PSIB0000348 Branch Name- Chickpet	21.07.2023 11.00 am to 4.00 pm	24.07.2023- 4.00 pm Symbolic possession

***NOTE:** The measurement of above property, however, be verified by the bidders at site and also from the records of the Revenue Authorities prior to participating in auction.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS : For Detailed Terms and Conditions of auction, Visit our Bank's website **www.psbindia.com**

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI RULES, 2002

The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 24.06.2023
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **1). Sri.MOHANLAL CHOUDHARY 2). Sri. PEMA RAM, 3). Sri. BABULAL,** are intended to purchase the below said schedule property from **Sri. H.V. RAMESH BABU, 2). Sri.H.V.PARAMESH, 3). Smt.C.M.SHYLESHWARI** and **4). Mr.PRADYOTH PRAKASH,** if anybody having any valid claim, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the said transaction by my clients may file his/her/their objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned **within 15 days** from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has any claim or agreement to sell or DTD or charge lien, otherwise or objections to the said transaction of the schedule property by my clients and my clients will complete the registration of the sale deed as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the new Municipal No:227/42, old site No:227, situated at 68th Cross Road, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, the same measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measruing 1200 sq.feet., having PID No.22-86-42, building constructed thereon and bounded as follows on the:

East by : House No:228
West by : House No:226
North by : House No:244
South by : Road.

S.V. MANJUNATHA, Advocate
S.V. MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
No.14, 13. Cross, Cubbonpet, Opp.
Kandhayabhavan, Bangalore-2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client **Mr. Abdul Ghani,** S/o Mr. Abdul Shukor and Mrs. Arshiyaunnisa W/o Mr. Abdul Shukor both are R/at No. 395, 2nd Cross, Begur Road, Virat Nagar Bommanahalli Bangalore -68, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri K. Gopal S/o Sri Kichappa R/at No. 304, Vitasandra Road, Karimariyamma Temple Begur Bangalore -68, who represents that he is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential property bearing No. 1, Khatha 84/3/1 sites formed in Property No. 84/3 situated at Begur village & Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 40-0 ft and North to South: 29 + 39.5/2 ft and totally measuring 1370 Sqft, along with 04 squares building presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 192, together with all appurtenances whether situated on, below or above the surface, and bounded on the: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 4, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No. 2

M. MUNEGOWDA, Advocate
No. 64/1, S.M. Plaza, 2nd Floor, Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -560004.
Ph: 9342878205, Date:24-06-2023

Nizamabad district sessions judge Sunitha Kunchala sentenced a man to double life imprisonment for the rape and death of a 5-year-old girl. The crime occurred in Dharmaram B village in 2022. The convict is identified as Devakantta Govind Rao

Sharmila likely to meet Sonia, Rahul next week

She might agree to Congress' proposal to merge YSRTP with Grand Old Party

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
@Hyderabad

YSR Telangana Party chief YS Sharmila is expected to visit New Delhi next week to confer with top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. According to sources, she has received an invitation from the party through Karnataka PCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

The development has set the speculation mill rolling. There are now reports that Sharmila might agree to the Congress' proposal to merge her party or be an alliance partner. When the YSRTP chief met Shivakumar after the Karnataka elections, she reportedly put forth her proposal for alliance in Telangana and sought seven seats for her party. But the Grand Old Party wants her to move to Andhra Pradesh and work there for which act the party would send her to Rajya Sabha. But Sharmila reportedly refused to operate in AP and wanted to be in alliance with the party in Telangana.

YS Sharmila

The reaction of the Congress leaders to either her party's merger or being an alliance partner was mixed. There were some leaders who welcomed her to work with Telangana Congress, but TPCC president A Revanth Reddy and his camp were against Sharmila's entry into the party. They want her to work in AP as she would be more acceptable there than here because of her family's Andhra origin.

Meanwhile, the party's high command has summoned key leaders in Telangana to New Delhi on Monday. They will be meeting AICC president Mallikharjun Kharge and top leader Rahul Gandhi among others. They would focus on the leaders who would be joining the party soon.

The sources also stated that Shivakumar, who is also the Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, is likely to be in New Delhi on Monday and discuss the admission of leaders from other parties into Telangana Congress including YS Sharmila. The sources said that after the Telangana Congress leaders meeting, the high command might inform Sharmila to go over to Delhi and meet Sonia Gandhi at her residence or the AICC office. It is for the first time that any member of YS Rajasekhar Reddy's family would be meeting Sonia Gandhi after his untimely death in a helicopter crash on September 2, 2009, and after YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was sent to prison.

Eatala, Rajgopal meet Nadda, want to bolster BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

BJP MLA Eatala Rajender and former Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy on Saturday met BJP national president JP Nadda in New Delhi, to apprise him of the prevailing situation of the party in Telangana.

According to sources, Eatala, during his meeting with Nadda, is learnt to have sought more role in the party's election campaign and stressed the need for setting up of a campaign committee under a chairman. The two leaders also expressed the view that the party's campaign was not on the right path, and that it was high time the leadership took a decision to send clear signal to the people that BJP was indeed serious about fighting the ruling BRS.

Rajgopal, who spoke to media after meeting Shah, made it clear that he and Telangana activists like Eatala will not hesitate to take a decision to save the state from one family's corrupt rule.

In his message to his followers, he said that there was no going back on his fight with the ruling BRS government, and that he joined the BJP because Shah himself inducted him into the party in a public meeting held in Munugode.

JP Nadda

"The Munugode by-election is being discussed across the country. We had seen how KCR had sent all his MLAs, making each of them in-charge of a village, spending thousands of crores to defeat me. But I had the moral victory," he said, adding that he joined the BJP because he really believed that BJP was the only party which could take on the BRS in the State."There is nothing I want other than defeating KCR," he added. On the rumours making rounds that he was in consultation with the Congress, he said that the very reason why he came out of the Congress, was because he felt that the grand old party couldn't defeat Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao.

Conceding that BJP had difficulty in taking decisions at the right time, he said that the people were losing confidence in BJP's commitment to take on the BRS, especially after the delay in arresting BRS MLC K Kavitha in the Delhi liquor scam, and also in taking action against the chief minister with regard to the allegations of corruptions in various projects and welfare schemes.

Union Minister for Tourism and Culture G Kishan Reddy too had to rush to Delhi by cancelling all his programmes in Hyderabad on Saturday, after he received a call from the party high command. Meanwhile, senior BJP leader and former Medak MP M Vijayashanthi condemned AICC in-charge of Telangana Manikrao Thakre's comments on Friday that Congress was in touch with her to take her back into the party. She felt that Manikrao owed an apology for his statement.

FAITH AND FERVOUR

A sea of devotees participates in the Jagannath Rath Yatra in Vijayawada on Saturday | PRASANT MADUGULA

Odisha train mishap: Uncertainty over DNA cross-matching reports

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT
@Bhubaneswar

THREE weeks have passed since the tragic train crash that claimed 292 lives and left over 900 injured near Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Balasore district. But the agony has not ceased for many families as their near and dear ones in the trains are still missing and they are unable to identify the bodies. It has been almost two weeks since they provided their blood samples for DNA matching, but the reports have not arrived.

Eighty-one bodies of the crash victims still remain unidentified and stored in containers at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. The crest-fallen family members have no other option but to anxiously wait for the DNA reports.

Basanti Devi of Bari Ballia village in Bihar has been waiting for DNA cross-matching report with a hope to get the body of her husband Yogendra Paswan (41), a contract labourer, who was travelling in the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express. Along with her 10-year-old son Ankush and brother Surendra Paswan, Basanti is camping at a guest house near AIIMS. After providing the DNA sample on June 10, they had left for home and again returned on Thursday as the hospital authorities had assured them that the report will come in 7-10 days. Ankush's blood sample has been sent for DNA cross-matching. "We had recognised the body from his existing half-broken right hand middle finger and bent thumb toe. But the officials did not give us the body as another family had also claimed it. They insisted on a DNA test. No one is now confirming when the report will come," said Basanti.

Altogether 35 persons are camping here waiting for DNA reports. Rajkali Devi from Sahebganj in Bihar is also bearing the brunt of the delay. With her two sons, she also waits for the cross-matching report. Her husband Harendra Majhi (40) was among three persons from the village who were heading for Chennai in Coromandel Express. "My elder son gave the blood sample for DNA test on June 7. We left for home then and when we contacted the helpline number a few days back, they insisted that we come to AIIMS to find out about the report. We are back since the last two days but no one is saying anything," she said.

Need circular economy, say KSPCB officials

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MANY Bengalureans are of the same view. Siddhant Chaturvedi, who works for an ed-tech company, said, "I have dealt with countless chargers and cables over the years. It would simplify the whole process if we could use only one charger for all gadgets."

With Apple products, it is even more difficult to carry and manage chargers. "They can be quite expensive, and buying separate chargers for each device is an additional expense," said Liza Goyal, a techie in Bengaluru. Many are not aware of what to do with electronic waste. If it is a big item, they give it to scrap dealers, while smaller ones are dumped in dry waste bins, she added.

"We have to promote a circular economy and take a hard look at how linear our buying pattern has been," said a senior official at KSPCB.

Companies should take the responsibility of their e-waste and there should be data of those producing it. The best way to avoid generating e-waste is "reuse and recycle gadgets as much as possible. Because, it takes a long time to dispose of these devices", he said.

Many drives have been launched in the city to collect unused electronic devices. Currently, the city has 200 e-waste centres. The official claimed that almost all e-waste collected is disposed of properly.

Data from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change revealed that only 32.9% of e-waste generated in 2021-2022 was recycled.

EPR Framework

The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Framework proposed in 2016, where the manufacturer, producer, and recycler of e-products have to compulsorily register in different categories which will be tracked through a portal is still in the process.

According to KSPCB officials, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is still working on the policy.

EXPRESS READ

9 arrested for smuggling red sanders

TIRUPATI: The Bhakarapet police seized 33 red sanders logs, weighing nearly 1.5 tonnes, and four cars, a pickup truck and a motorcycle all worth Rs 2 crore, and arrested nine smugglers hailing from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The police arrested the accused at Yallamanda Cross on Yallamanda-Ustikayala Penta Road in Yerravaripalem Mandal. Tirupati SP P Parameswara Reddy said that the nine-member gang had been smuggling red sanders to Bengaluru to hand it to the prime accused.

Cong rallies behind beleaguered state chief Sudhakaran

CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @T'Puram

A day after Congress state president K Sudhakaran was arrested in a cheating case involving Monson Mavunkal, the party is now caught in a Catch-22 situation. The leadership is weighing its options as there is fear among the leaders whether the High Court will quash the anticipatory bail granted to Sudhakaran when the case comes up for hearing on Friday. However in a relief to the senior leader, the party national leadership has extended full support to him and has made it clear that he need not step down as PCC chief.

K Sudhakaran

A day after the arrest the party witnessed high drama. On Saturday morning Sudhakaran said he would not mind stepping down from office 'if required'. Party circles were caught unawares, with this sudden declaration before the media in Kochi. Within minutes, Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan came out publicly with firm support for Sudhakaran, at a media briefing held at the Ernakulam DCC office. Satheesan said the party and the UDF were with Sudhakaran and they will offer their 'hearts' to fight the case legally and politically. Satheesan further clarified that Sudhakaran need not step down.

It is reliably learnt that Sudhakaran had a harrowing time when the crime branch officials grilled him for close to eight hours which led him to announce that he's open to quitting. In the past, when factional leaders had demanded his resignation citing his ill-health, Sudhakaran had rubbished the same. On Saturday even those leaders who had earlier sought Sudhakaran's resignation came forward supporting him, following a directive from the central leadership that there should be no dissident voices, lest the LDF government cash-in on the situation politically. A senior Congress MP told *TNSE* that if Sudhakaran steps down, it will be advantage CPM. "There are chances of the High Court quashing his anticipatory bail. It has been pointed out that the investigating officers got incriminating evidence against him. There's still bickering within the party that ideally he should have stepped down. However the leaders have rallied behind Sudhakaran. Because otherwise the CPM will try to cash in on the issue," said a Congress MP.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 1) RE-E-Tender No 63 & 64 /2023-24/SE/PHC/CHN,
2) RE-E-Tender No 64/2023-24/SE/PHC/CHN

Jal Jeevan Mission- WSS to Vengoor, Asamannoor & Mudakkuzha panchayaths-1) 6 LL OHSR at Kallil and laying 200 mm DI pumping main-General Civil Work, 2) Construction of 3 LL, 1.8 LL OHSRs in Vengoor Panchayath, and Supplying and laying CWGM from WTP site at Chooramudi- General Civil Work. EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/- each; Tender fee: Rs. 13010 each; Last Date for submitting Tender: 06-07-2023, 03:00:pm; Phone : 0484-2360645.
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-545-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kochi

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
O/o. THE PRINCIPAL CONTROLLER OF COMMUNICATION ACCOUNTS, TAMILNADU CIRCLE, CHENNAI-600 008.

PENSION ADALAT

It is informed that the Pension Adalat, for those who retired from Department of Telecommunications and from **Salem, Coimbatore & Erode** SSAs under BSNL Tamil Nadu Circle is proposed to be held on **26th June 2023 (Monday)**. The Venue & timing is as given below:-

Venue
HOTEL AMRs EVVERGREEN
No.14/2-A, Omalur Main Road, Parvathipuram, 4 Roads, Arisipalayam, Salem - 636 009.
Timing : From 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

K. Gowthami Balashri, IP & TAFS, Jt. Controller of Communication Accounts (Pen)
O/o. Pr. CCA, Tamil Nadu Circle, 1st Floor, TNT Complex, 60, Ethiraj Salai, Chennai-8
Tel No. : 044-28255377

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR DIVISIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, TRACTION DISTRIBUTION, PALAKKAD-678 002
E-TENDER NOTICE No.J/TRD/OT/22-23/15/RT1 dt. 22.06.2023

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Palakkad-678002 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the under mentioned works from reputed tenderers as per tender notice given in e-tender portal. **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate Cost (Rs)	Cost of Tender Form (Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Completion period
1.	OHE arrangements in connection with creation of infrastructure facility for inspection, major repairs and maintenance of 12 car rake capacity at MEMU Shed, Palakkad	Rs.41,33,942/-	NIL	Rs.82,700/-	06 Months

Tender Closing date and time: 17.07.2023 at 14:00 Hrs.
The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Palakkad Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal, www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature Certificates for participating in e-tendering.
Complete details of the above tenders are given on the e-portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** For details of bid submission, please refer website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
Appointment of Senior Residents in the Cardiac Unit of Headquarters Railway Hospital, Perambur, Chennai.
Five Vacancies Are Available for the Following Posts of Senior Residents In Cardiac Unit of Railway Hospital, Perambur, Chennai.

NAME OF THE POST	No.of posts	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
Sr. Resident in Cardiac Anaesthesiology	1	Post-graduate Degree/DM/DNB or Diploma in Concerned Specialty from University Recognized by State/Central Government.
Sr. Resident in Cardiology	2	
Sr. Resident in Cardiac Thoracic Surgery	2	

Note: If candidates are not available in a particular speciality, then candidate without PG qualification but having at least three years experience after MBBS out of which one year junior residency in government hospital or MCI recognised private hospital in the speciality concerned will be considered for a period of one year only subject to the condition that fresh selection process has to be done by end of one year. extension for another year shall be allowed to these MBBS doctors with three years experience if again no candidate with Diploma/PG/DNB/DM applies. the total period of such extension will be limited to three years of total Senior Residency as in Senior Residency Scheme.
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Interested eligible candidates have to fill their applications along with required documents/certificates through online available in the website **www.rrcmas.in** from **26.06.2023 at 10:00 hrs onwards till 17.00 hrs of 03.07.2023.** physical applications will not be entertained.

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This is to inform the public that my clients **Smt. Katte Srinivasachar Nalini**, W/o Late M.N. Vasudeva, and **Smt. Malavika Vasudeva**, D/o Smt. Katte Srinivesachar Nalini, R/at No. 802, Sreesha, 10th Cross, 3rd Main, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, RBI Layout, Bangalore-560078, instructed me that the original General Power of Attorney (GPA) executed by Smt. Malavika Vasudeva to Smt. Katte Srinivasachar Nalini in the year February 2013 has been lost. In spite of best efforts the same could not be found out in this regard, my client has lodged a complaint through Bangalore City Police Station in Lost Report No. 0606149/2023 dated 17.06.2023. Hence the public is hereby notified that if anyone is in possession of the said original document the same may be handed over to under mentioned address/contact us through below mentioned mobile number within 15 days from the date of this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site bearing No.96, bearing Khata No.BDA/ROS/96/AP-II/13-14 (as per the Khata Certificate dated 30.09.2013 bearing No. BDA/ROS/96/AP-II/13-14 issued by the Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru) formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at Anjanapura Layout, 2nd Block, Bengaluru, measuring East To West 9.00 Meters and North to South 12.00 Meters, totally measuring 108.00 Square Meters together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever, whether underneath, and bounded on **East by:** Site bearing No.95 (Ninety-Five), **West by:** Site bearing No.97 (Ninety-Seven), **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site bearing No.89 (Eighty-Nine) and Site bearing No.90 (Ninety).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property) from its owner Smt. G. Sumathi, wife of Shri. Gopal M., who has represented to be the sole and absolute owner thereof with uninhibited rights of alienation over the same.
Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within Fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice, after which period, our client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof nor any objections for sale thereof by the said Smt. G. Sumathi, in favour of our client.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)
All that piece and parcel of immovable property being residential Site bearing No. 101, Khata No. 72/101 measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring 2,400 Square Feet, formed by the Sri Vinayaka House Building Co-operative Society Limited, situated at 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, (developed on lands bearing Survey Nos. 17, 18/1 to 18/6, 20, 23, 30, 31, 32, 36/1, 37, 64, 71, 95, 96, 97, 98, 112(19), 135 to 137(17) of Nagarabhavi village) along with building comprising of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor and bounded on the: East by : Site bearing No. 102; West by : Site bearing No. 100; North by : Road; and South by : Sites bearing Nos. 110 and 111.

Place: Bengaluru Date : June 25, 2023

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Appendix - IV-A
[See Proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Date of Time E-Auction of Immovable Property : 10.07.2023 between 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 PM
Date & Time Inspection of the Property on Between 05-07-2023 between 11.00 A.M. to 05.00 PM

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/ Guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the Physical possession on **22.06.2022** of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is"**, **"As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **10.07.2023 for recovery of Rs. 86,98,557/- (Rupees Eighty-Six Lacs Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven only) as on 21.06.2023** + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor **from 1. Mrs. Sunitha B.C W/o Ravindra M.R (a) PROP: M/S. RSSH GROUP # 1 Rayasandra, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural Dist., 562110 & (b) # 375/7, 4th Division, Manjunath Layout, 22nd ward, Budigere Road, Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural Dist., 562110 & 2. SRI. Ravindra MR s/o Ramanachari (a) OFF: FRRO MHA No. 55, Double Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560053, (b) # 375/7, 4th Division, Manjunath Layout, 22nd ward, Budigere Road, Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural Dist., 562110 (Borrowers).** The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:--

Property No	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	RS. 85,30,000.00 (Rupees Eighty-Five Lakh ThirtyThousand Only)	Rs: 8,53,000.00	50,000.00	07.07.2023

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
Tender No: SBI/SARB/DRS/01/908
Property– (Title deed holder: Smt. Sunitha B.C w/o Ravindra M.R
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Plot and Building property bearing No. 375/7, 4th Division, Manjunath Lay out, 22nd ward, Budigere Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural Dist., (site No. 7, Old Purasabe Katha No. 375/7, katha No. 1335/7/375/7,) measuring East – West: 40 ft & North – South: 30 ft & bounded on. **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** 30 ft Road, **North by:** Property No. 6, **South by:** Property No. 8.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the **Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, TEL: 080- 25943678/25943663** during office hours, or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Debt Recovery Squad, Bangalore or its representatives **Mr. M Z KHAN: Mob- 98458 74789 or Mr. NAYAZ BAIG: Mob- 98455 29931.**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 22.06.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA SARB, Bangalore

Sometimes we feel we straddle two cultures; at other times, that we fall between two stools

Salman Rushdie

OPPOSITION'S MISSION 2024 OR MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

THE THIRD EYE

SHANKKAR AIYAR

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THIS week more than a dozen political parties came together to forge a front to oust the Modi regime. The aggression in the speechifying which followed was aggressive and reflects the urge for preservation. Nitish Kumar, who hosted the jamboree in Patna, said "We have come together in national interest; those in power at Centre are against national interest." DMK chief MK Stalin called the meeting a "war cry" against a "fascist and autocratic regime."

Omar Abdullah underlined that he and "Mehbooba Mufti belong to that part of the country where democracy is murdered." Mehbooba asserted: "We can't let Gandhi's India become Godse's country." TMC chief Mamata Banerjee declared: "We will fight together with the aim of ending BJP rule." Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said: "we have decided to contest together." And NCP chief Sharad Pawar proclaimed that "just like the JP movement, our united front will get blessings from the public." The rhetoric echoed the spectre painted five decades back prior to the 1971 polls.

"Never before has a Prime Minister in a democracy entered into such open collusion with anti-national and anti-democratic forces. Never before has a clique in power treated the judiciary and Parliament with such contempt. Never before has a government had such a dismal record of unmitigated failure in the maintenance of law and order…" The assertions are from the 1971 Manifesto of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

The battle then was against Indira Gandhi and her Congress. The battle cry now is against Narendra Modi and the avatar of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, namely the BJP. Participating entities included the Congress, TMC, AAP, NCP, Shiv Sena, DMK, Samajwadi Party, National Conference, PDP, JD (U), RJD, CPI, CPM, CPI ML and others. Missing from what Home Minister Amit Shah called a "photo session" were the BSP, the BRS, Biju Janata Dal, Janata Dal (S) and Akali Dal.

India's political geography is defined by history. Every party is either an offshoot of the Congress or was created by the urge of anti-Congressism. It is verily a collection of frenemies. Shiv Sena has fought against Congress and NCP, the TMC has defeated Congress and the Left front, the Abdullahs have fought the Muftis and the Congress, and AAP is still warring with the Congress. For sure, the BJP may dub the alliance as opportunistic, dynastic or the coalition of the corrupt. The fact is most of the parties have partnered with the BJP and the Congress – the DMK in Tamil Nadu, the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, the JD (U) in Bihar, the NC and PDP in Kashmir and so on.

The binding glue of alliances is either conviction – for instance after the Emergency in 1977 and in 1989 – or existential angst. The images from the Patna summit reflect the old cliché that politics makes strange bed-fellows. The Opposition is facing the toughest challenge in decades. The BJP's success is built around the blend of Hindutva and nationalism, organisational potency and above all, the charisma of Modi.

The playbook of Mission 2024 is familiar. The Opposition alliance is scaffolded by the arithmetic of votes – in 2019 the BJP bagged 37.7 per cent of the votes polled and the hope is they can garner a bigger share of the rest. Electoral success however is more than just arithmetic and demands a curious confluence of voter-leader chemistry and believability among contesting claims.

Mandates and regime change in India, beyond the basic math, are powered by public trust and the magic of persuasion. In 1977, the voters were persuaded in the north of India (but not in the south) of the horrors of Emergency. In 1989, Rajiv Gandhi was ousted by allegations of corruption in defence deals. The Rao regime was ousted following riots and scandals. In more recent years the Congress-led UPA won in 2009 despite serial blasts and the 26/11 attacks.

In 2014 the BJP highlighted corruption in the UPA raj and presented an aspirational alternative. In 2019 the Modi regime won more seats in spite of anger about demonetisation and stalling growth as voters invested in the idea of "strong India." The Congress forfeited deposits in 148 of 421 Lok Sabha seats it contested.

Politics cannot be merely an argument industry producing memes on social media. Parties sense there is a distinct disquiet about disharmony, disenchantment among sections of the middle class and distress at the lower levels of the income pyramid but struggle to weave a narrative. The Congress, buoyed after the wins in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, may be onto something in their thesis of localised polls and guaranteed freebies. However, the context of Lok Sabha polls is national and post-2014 very presidential. The question is whether the opposition alliance can evolve beyond the oust Modi slogan to engineer an idea and an identity.

India's political discourse is thirsting for competing ideas. The architects of Mission 2024 will need to produce a compelling alternative of what it stands for and how it will deliver or else Mission 2024 could well turn into Mission Impossible. It will be yesterday once more!

NO VACCINE FOR SPAMPEDIMIC VIRUS OF NEXUS

POWER & POLITICS

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THE paradox of technology is that what starts as a blessing is fated to become a curse. Almost over a century ago Finnish inventor Eric Tigerstedt created a "pocket-size folding telephone" for radio communication between ships and trains. Little did he know that the 21st century version of his mobile phone would become Frankenstein's monster. The ubiquitous smart tool of myriad shapes and sizes as varied as Bruce Lee's moves has infiltrated the privacy of boardrooms and bedrooms, recording confidential conversations, emptying bank accounts, accessing intimate details like photos, messages, contacts and such personal data, and resorting to bluster and blackmail. However, the cell phone is an essential evil of the New World. Mobile calls are invisible invaders, not differentiating between the rich and poor. They have become weapons to steal wealth with stealth. The Spampedimic is the current curse of capitalism sans cure.

With the global Smartphone market size touching $ 457.18 billion in 2021, mobile models are proliferating faster than proverbial rabbits. There are over 14 billion mobile devices in the world, averaging two mobile connections per person. India, with 1.30 billion SIM cards is in the lead while China comes second with 1.60 billion. The US has over 350 million smart and not so smart phones. According to government sources, over a million spam calls are generated daily in India. A former finance minister and the President of India got phone calls offering personal loans. A furious judge who was offered a bank loan on his phone ordered the government to take action but the criminal caucus of telemarketers and telecom thieves proved more formidable than the judicial luminary thought. Almost every minister or corporate captain gets pesky calls offering them furniture, hotel, flats, insurance, interior decoration services, swimming classes and dancing lessons at home. The irony of democracy is transparency. Power loves control and governments love to snoop on their citizens. A phalanx of government agencies that store individual data is a karmic metaphor that spans life and death: by issuing birth certificates, death certificates and everything in between, they are squarely responsible for the pilferage of private information from their servers. They have become a gargantuan shopping mall where cell phone numbers can be sold and bought covertly for a price. Digital India was a powerful slogan meant to empower India. The country takes pride in leading the world in digital transactions. In the process, it is also plagued by spammers and scammers. Since India is the world's biggest consumer market, global tele-terrorists are obsessively pursuing its quarry offering everything from potatoes to potassium. A tech savvy mafia of mobile number hawkers operates all over the world with a technology-driven target-oriented modus operandi. They divide the market by products. While one agency harvests intel on guests checking into luxury hotels, others go after high value shoppers and pricey hospitals to collect information on aspirations and antibiotics. Within moments of a high roller checking out of a hotel, they get calls, SMSs and WhatsApp chats, offering them better deals and a room with a view on their next visit. As tech giants make access to technology cheaper, they have fathered an illegitimate brood of telemarketers. Yoga gurus, sex advisors and fitness freaks have become e-commerce entities. They don't have to spend huge money on advertising themselves as motivational speakers or gym rats. All they need are telephone numbers to flood with enticing email and texts as sms or WhattsApp. Since smart phones and their software vulnerabilities provide ample options to lure and loot unsuspecting users, many have lost their life savings, property and premium possessions. Apple and Samsung make billions of dollars selling cell phones, without uploading enough preventive software in their overpriced gadgets.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

If handsets are at the receiving end of slippery seduction, criminal neglect by telecom companies, government agencies, big e-commerce giants and other digital parasites are behind the data leakages. In fact, Aadhar was the beginning when data stealing became as common as toothpaste. Though the government denied recent reports of a massive breach, it's unclear whether the technology itself isn't vulnerable to infiltration: Aadhaar has the maximum private details on its servers since users' mobiles are compulsorily linked to it. During Covid, another data collection giant Covin was launched with much fanfare and lauded for its sheer size and faultless implementation. Now it has become an egregious embarrassment without ownership after news about a massive data leak hit the headlines. More disturbing is the unwillingness by telecom companies to install tools to spot and stop spam calls passing through their gateways. Spammers have easy access to greedy telecom executives who sell them phone numbers in bulk. Spammers have bagged even VIP numbers originally allotted to important opinion makers in the late 1990s. Unscrupulous tele-saboteurs purvey these digital digits to agents who harass potential customers. Though the companies are aware of the weaknesses in the regularity system, they don't want to spend on client security. The Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has almost shrugged off all responsibility to protect consumers. Ironically most TRAI chairpersons are superannuated Secretaries of the Telecommunications Department who are disinterested in resolving the very issues they have created themselves through a faulty policy framework. Recently Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister for Communications, cautioned, "People should never pick up calls made from unknown numbers. I request every citizen that they should respond to calls from only (telephone/mobile) those numbers they recognise." According to a published report "Indians were the ninth most affected among people from 20 countries being targeted by spam calls." Vaishnaw said that the government had recently launched the 'Sanchar Saathi' portal to block spam calls and cyber frauds. He also claimed that his ministry had blacklisted over 40 lakh dodgy SIMs and 41,000 crooked "points of sale" agents. So far, it hasn't stopped them from popping up like toxic mushrooms after a malefic monsoon. Yet it is a big business as number robbers are willing to give as much as one dollar for every ten digit number.

Private banking and financial institutions are even bigger culprits. Going by spam calls ostensibly from banks, it's clear that less banking and more commerce is the norm. Even credible banks like the HDFC, Axis, Kotak and more seem to have engaged faceless salesmen to hawk insurance, motor vehicles etc to their account holders. HDFC leads the nefarious pack of spam callers. With Big Business dictating and directing policies worldwide, no vaccine will be invented to prevent the Spampedimic whose viruses of corporate greed are destroying the mental and financial health of mankind. Unregulated and excessive use of technology provides them with a mantra of minimising costs and maximising profits. For them a wrong number is now the prevalent phrase of the times.

THE MEDIEVAL DESTINATION CITY

A COUNTRY OF MANY GODS

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A city's misfortune always marks the rise of another city. We see this often in medieval India. The greatest example is the destruction of Vijayanagara and the rise of Vijayapura, both in Karnataka. The former's devastation and loot and the possession of the fertile Raichur Doab enabled the Adil Shahi Sultans to invest in great buildings at Vijayapura. This, indeed, was a man-made destruction. A similar story occurred in Kerala but by an act of God. Major floods in the Periyar River in 1341 CE destroyed the ancient port city of Muziris. Though the same flood gave birth to the port of Kochi, it also allowed another port city on the Malaibar coast to prosper. That port was Qaliqut, as the medieval travellers referred to it, or Kozhikode as we know it now.

The writings of Ibn Battuta, the celebrated Moroccan traveller, tell us how Muziris stopped being a port of call on the west coast. Battuta, as Mohammed bin Tughluk's ambassador to China, visited Kozhikode at least six times. His itinerary mentions most of the ports on the west coast, like Mangalore, Valapattanam, Pantalayini and Kollam, but ignores Muziris and Kochi, clearly hinting at the destruction of Muziris. Ibn Battuta was elated to see the big Chinese ships which could carry more than a thousand people. He also reports that ports which could accommodate these ships were Haili [Ezhimala, North Kerala], Kozhikode and Kollam [South Kerala]. Comparing Battuta's travelogue with present-day geographical locations, we can assume that the Kozhikode port of call also included ports of call at Pantalayini, Kappad [where Vasco Da Gama landed], Elatthoor, Kozhikode, Chaliyum and Beypore, many of them on the estuaries of the Rivers like Korappuzha, Kallayippuzha, and Chaliyar. After the downfall of Muziris, the spice export business might have been looking for an alternate port of call on the west coast, and Kozhikode was the answer.

Kozhikode's ascendance is also linked to the emergence of a dynasty that remained the patron of the flourishing trade. This ruling house is known as the Samutiris or Zamorins. The ancestors of the Samutiris, principal rulers of northern Kerala from the 14th century onwards, were the Eratis of Nediyirippu. The Keralopatti relates that after the Eratis received a gift of land from Cheraman Perumal, they moved north to Kozhikode, from where they set about subduing their rivals, the Porlatiris of Polanad in the fertile hinterland to the East. KV Krishna Ayyar, in his book, The Zamorins of Calicut, informs, "Samutiri founded a town called Vikramapuram with a Siva temple at its centre. But this name did not become popular. The people called it Kolikkotu." Many misunderstood the word deriving from the Malayalam for rooster, Koli [Kozhi]. Krishna Ayyar clarifies: "The town derives its name from Koyilkotu or Koyilkotta, the fortified palace of Zamorin, which was its commanding feature." Though we know that the palace of Samutiri was somewhere near Tali Siva Temple, presently, no building can claim such a position. Soon Kozhikode was preeminent among northern Kerala's numerous and active ports, enabling the Samutiris to develop lucrative mercantile connections with the Red Sea, Persia, Malaysia and China.

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The picture Ibn Battuta paints of Kozhikode is that of a great metropolitan city. Noting the ruler as non-Muslim, Ibn Battuta was surprised to see a Bahraini Muslim, Shihab-ud-Din Khasarunias, as the port officer [Shahbandar]. He also reports that Muslims controlled all commerce in Kozhikode. "The greatest part of the Mohammadan merchants of this place [Kozhikode] are so wealthy that one them can purchase the whole freightage of such vessels as put in here and fit out others like them." Another merchant Ibn Battuta met was Nakhuda Midkhal from Yemen. It might have been the same person, Nakhuda Mishkal, who built the magnificent Mishkal Palli in the Kuttichira principality of Kozhikode.

Kuttichira is between the erstwhile palace complex of the Samutiris and the Kozhikode beach. Built around a water tank [Chira], this locality still has some old houses and two mosques dating back to the 13th and 14th centuries. The oldest of the Mosques is Muchundi Mosque which has a granite inscription, the script of which is datable to the 13th century CE. The text is written half in Malayalam Vattelutthu script and the rest in Arabic, recording the endowment to the Mosque by Samutiri himself. It also mentions one Shahab al-din Raihan as the chief patron. Mishkal Palli, on the other bank of Kuttichira Tank, is one of the unique mosques in India. Built fully of wood, it has exquisite decorative motifs and calligraphy carved out of wood. The great settlement of the Mohammadan merchants, which Ibn Battuta mentions in his travelogue, is probably the same. But the Mishkal mosque might have been under construction during his visit because Battuta is silent about the mosque. Such a magnificent structure would have meant a lot to an eloquent traveller like Ibn Battuta to write about, along with the description of Kozhikode, the great metropolis of the East, the medieval destination city.

QUOTE CORNER

In the post-COVID era, the world order is taking a new shape. In this time period, the friendship between India and the U.S. will be instrumental in enhancing the strength of the whole world. The two countries are committed to work together for the global good and for global peace, stability, and prosperity

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Together, India and the United States are working closely on everything from ending poverty and expanding access to healthcare to addressing climate change to tackling food and energy insecurity stoked by Russia's unprovoked war on Ukraine

Joe Biden, President of the United States

What all of us have to do is to make sure we are using AI in a way that is for the benefit of humanity, not to the detriment of humanity

Tim Cook, Chief Executive Officer of Apple

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Rural polls

Poll-related violence and loss of lives are not acceptable in a democracy (Violence continues ahead of WB rural polls - June 24). As the Bengal governor pointed out correctly, victory depends on votes, not dead bodies. One can imagine the scenario on election day. The central forces may not be of any use unless parties come to a compromise, ensuring free and fair polls.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Party chemistry

Apropos of AAP bump on Oppn's march to 2024 polls (June 24). The decision of the Opposition parties to put up a strong Opposition candidate against the BJP in 300 Lok Sabha seats, with the weak parties supporting the common candidate, is arithmetically correct. But what about their chemistry?

G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Kejriwal's role

Kejriwal cannot play a national role in Opposition unity with the lame excuse of Congress going against the Centre's ordinance. Kejriwal's role is minuscule and his party will make a mess of itself in Opposition unity parleys. In the next Shimla meet, he may shake hands with Kharge and all will be hunky dory. The AAP is neither a bump on the road nor a storm in the tea cup. It is a minor ripple in the lake, which must be ignored by all.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Patna meeting

The parties in the Patna meeting will surely defeat Modi in 2024, provided there is a leader of great stature among the present Opposition leaders. Their aim should be to unseat Modi and not grab power. Only then will people have hope and confidence in an alternate mechanism.

Sundaram Govind, Aluva

Modi's commitment

Apropos of 'No ifs and buts in dealing with terror, Modi tells US lawmakers' (June 24). By saying this, Modi has given a strong warning to the nations sponsoring terrorism. It is most gratifying that he got a warm welcome wherever he went in the USA. The way US Congress members gave him a standing ovation 15 times during his address shows how impressed they were. Prime Minister Modi has become a brand for India and his firm faith in climbing to the third position from the fifth vis-a-vis the world economy shows his commitment. The world is optimistic about the Indian economy. Kozhikode's ascendance is also linked to the emergence of a dynasty that remained the patron of the flourishing trade. This ruling house is known as the Samutiris or Zamorins.

Jayaprakash Reddy, Michigan

Obama's interview

President Obama was right in his recent interview. Both tragedies this week were immensely disturbing: The Titan submersible collapsed and the refugee boat sank off the Greek coast. Yet, as he lamented, the first one, not the second, was tracked 24 X 7 for days by world media and given unprecedented support. What is the world coming to?

M Balakrishnan, Bengaluru

Nation's integrity

Apropos of Balkanisation, delimitation, and rumbling in the states (June 24). The sacrifice of leaders during the freedom struggle gave our nation a strong integument of unity. The delimitation should be utilised for making the administration handy, and not for perpetuating the ruling party.

S Madhavan Thampi, Haripad

Employment opportunities

With reference to 'Job creation: A big challenge for the govt (June 23), both the Centre and state govts are wooing investors to create jobs for the youth, which does not always fructify. The govts can fill the lakhs of vacant posts in the Railways, police departments, etc. The education sector can create millions of jobs. Efforts in upskilling for self-employment need to be strengthened.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mitta Vamsi Krishna @MittaVamsiBJP
The individuals who ridicule Prime Minister Modi's English proficiency are often the very ones who enthusiastically applaud Sonia Gandhi's command of Hindi. She pronounced chamatkar as "balatkar".

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
The past can never be obliterated. History does not change. Try as hard as you might. And that includes 1984. And 2002.

D Raja @ComradeDRaja
Exclusion of CPI from the all-party meeting on Manipur exposes the callous attitude of Home Minister Amit Shah towards the burning problems of the state.

Cong seeks immediate removal of Manipur CM

Party demands that an all-party delegation visits the violence-hit state

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

Former Manipur chief minister Okram Ibobi Singh and AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh address the media at AICC headquarters in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

SLAMMING the state and the Central governments for their "failure" to restore peace in ethnic violence-hit Manipur, the Congress on Saturday demanded that an all-party delegation visit the state. The party also demanded immediate resignation of Chief Minister Biren Singh.

Former Manipur CM and senior Congress leader Okram Ibobi, who represented Congress at the all-party meet, said, "The PM, who has not uttered a single word on the Manipur violence, should have presided over the meeting. We also requested more time to present our party's stance, but our request was denied."

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told the media at the party office that Manipur has been in the grip of violence for the last 52 days.

"There is a need to form a common consensus with the people of Manipur and a road map should be prepared in a sensitive way," Ramesh said. Congress has raised 10 points of demand in the all-party meeting. "This meeting that was held today should actually have been chaired by PM Modi and held at Imphal to give a message to the people of state in distress. The PM is speaking in foreign countries but has not spoken a single word on Manipur violence," Ramesh said.

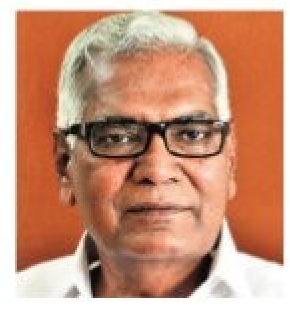
He further said that it was a matter of regret that only seven minutes were given to Ibobi Singh out of three hours at the meeting. "All armed groups must be disarmed immediately without any compromise. And all the arms should be seized by the government," Ramesh said, adding that as long as CM Biren Singh continues on the post, return of peace in the state is not possible.

Besides Congress, opposition parties like TMC and RJD also demanded an all party-delegation be sent to Manipur. The TMC in a statement accused the Centre of deliberately ignoring the people's needs in Manipur and demanded that all steps be taken to restore peace.

CPI miffed at exclusion from all-party meeting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE exclusion of the Communist Party of India (CPI) from the all-party meeting on the prevailing situation in Manipur has drawn criticism from the party. The CPI's national general secretary **D Raja** expressed disappointment with Home Minister Amit Shah for not inviting the CPI to the meeting, stating that it reveals Shah's indifferent attitude towards the pressing issues in Manipur.



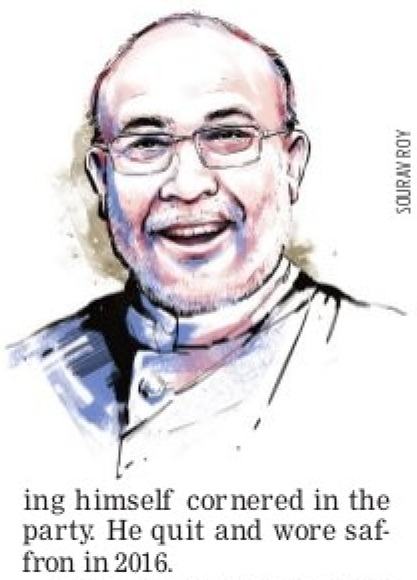
Raja emphasized that the CPI is a recognised party in Manipur and plays a significant role in promoting peace and harmony in the state. He highlighted that a delegation from Manipur had recently met with the CPI leadership, and the party had actively engaged in peacebuilding efforts, including organising a demonstration in Delhi to appeal for peace and harmony. Raja called on Shah to explain the exclusion of CPI and the lack of transparency surrounding the Manipur issue. He questioned whether the fear of the CPI exposing the failures of the ruling "double engine" in Manipur was the reason for their exclusion.

Furthermore, Raja criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was on a foreign trip while Manipur was in a turmoil. He stated that the Union Home Minister should be held accountable for the situation in Manipur under his watch, and both Shah and Modi should answer for their failures to the people of Manipur.

BIREN SINGH

FOOTBALLER CAUGHT IN ETHNIC WHIRLPOOL

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR



SOURAV ROY

NEWSMAKER

On all counts, Nongthombam Biren Singh was a good footballer. But destiny, charted by uncertainties in his home state Manipur, chose a different goal for him to score. From being a member of the BSF team that lifted the Durand Cup in 1981 by defeating the famed Mohun Bagan, to the Chief Minister's chair, Singh has dodged and decimated his opponents in the political arena.

However, from where he stands, it would appear he is losing the game of perception or has been made to accept a defeat that he would perhaps never own up to. Sportspersons of some nerve seldom accept a tame surrender. Will he, that's the question that he seems to be grappling with.

Since May 3 this year, more than 100 people have died and some 50,000 displaced internally, after ethnic violence buffeted Manipur.

His political opponents often call him autocratic and petulant. Singh sits tight in his chair, unable to do more than issue vain appeals for peace even as ethnic violence refuses to abate. His removal would have sent a wrong message in Manipur and the Northeast, which accounts for 25 Lok Sabha seats.

Singh, 62, was born and raised in a Hindu family at Luwansangbam Mamang Leikai in Imphal. The football bug bit him early and he joined a local club.

A year after the Durand Cup victory, Singh left BSF but kept playing for Manipur. Came in 1992, and Singh drifted to journalism. He launched 'Naharolgi Thoudang', initially a magazine. He served as its editor till 2001. A year after, he was jailed for sedition, when daily carried the speech of an activist who was allegedly close to a separatist outfit.

It was an irony that Singh, who was slapped with the sedition charge, had Imphal-based journalist Kishorechandra Wangkhem arrested almost two decades later (in 2021) for calling his BJP-led government a puppet of the Modi government.

Singh took the political plunge in 2002 by joining the Democratic Revolutionary People's Party. He won his first election from the Heingang seat that year.

In 2003, he moved to Congress and the then chief minister Okram Ibobi Singh appointed him as a minister. He won the subsequent elections in 2007 and 2012 and served as a minister. Ibobi was his virtual political guru, but the two started falling apart in 2015 with Singh increasingly finding himself cornered in the party. He quit and wore saffron in 2016.

Singh was appointed the spokesperson and co-convener of the state BJP unit's election management committee. He won the Heingang seat in 2017 and the BJP, which formed a coalition, sprang a surprise and chose him the CM.

Singh earned popularity during the first two years of his first term (2017-2022). There was a huge divide between the Meitei-majority Imphal Valley and the Naga hills, ostensibly because of the Nagas' demand for the creation of "Greater Nagalim" by slicing off the Naga-inhabited areas of Manipur besides Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. He sought to reduce the gap and launched some initiatives to warm up to the tribals, particularly Nagas.

The trouble for him started in 2020 when he allegedly started forgetting about "coalition dharma". Nine MLAs – three from BJP, one from Trinamool Congress, four from National People's Party (NPP) and an independent MLA – resigned and announced their support to Congress.

They returned about a fortnight later after a patch-up worked out by BJP leaders. The mass resignations had reduced the BJP-led government to a minority and the Congress tried to form a coalition government. Had the BJP not been in power at the Centre, Singh's government would have collapsed.

His second term was perceived to be diametrically opposite to his "go to hills" initiative in the first. He launched a drive against drugs and poppy cultivation, with a drive against "illegal immigrants" from Myanmar, usually meaning people from the Kuki-Chin-Zomi tribes. This snowballed into a battle between Kukis and Meiteis.

Singh is facing charges of pushing an anti-tribal agenda and polarising communities. His allies and rivals have slammed his "inept" handling of the conflict. Singh has to decide – whether to stay on as long as it takes or exit in a bargain of sorts for a bigger role in the parliamentary polls.

Your eagerness to meet appears mischievous: Rahul tells Kejriwal

AMIT PANDEY @ New Delhi

THE rift between the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over the Central ordinance on Delhi's administrative matters shows no signs of abetting, said AAP sources on Saturday. They said despite repeated requests from Arvind Kejriwal for a meeting with Rahul Gandhi, the Congress leader has not shown any interest.

At the Opposition meet in Patna on Friday, Rahul reportedly told AAP leaders, "Your eagerness for a meeting appears mischievous." West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tried in vain to get the two sides to meet.

Kejriwal urged the Congress to clear its stance on the ordinance and sought a meeting. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge responded by referring to recent comments of AAP leaders, terming them "unacceptable," sources said.

"If we recount the criticisms attributed to Congress leaders against AAP, then there is no possibility of constructive politics," said an AAP source.

Kejriwal also had a personal word with Rahul, urging him to schedule a meeting over tea.

Sources said Kejriwal told Rahul that even if it is a half-an-hour meeting, they could resolve all issues between the two sides.

Rahul reportedly showed reluctance saying that Congress has a process for all such things that need to be followed, remarking that "your eagerness to the meeting appears to be mischievous."

Other senior leaders, including Sharad Pawar and Mamta Banerjee, also advised Congress to talk over the lunch. But, the Congress leader disagreed.

Another senior party leader said Congress leaders, including Kharge and Rahul, voiced their opposition to the ordinance, emphasising their commitment to upholding democratic values. However, they "hesitated" to publicly acknowledge their stance.

Furthermore, he said that Gandhi is dead against clearing the stance against the ordinance. "Rahul's Congress is different from Sonia's party as she used to take all parties along with her," he remarked.

AAP is also sceptical that Congress MPs might abstain from voting on the ordinance that will likely be introduced in the upcoming Monsoon session. As of now, AAP has not made any decision on whether it will attend the Shimla meet, which would be held on July 12.

INS Sunayna sets sail for maritime exercise in Kenya

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN its attempts to strengthen its relationship with African countries, India has conducted maritime exercises with the Kenyan Navy. The exercise coincided with the official visit of Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru, Indian Navy's Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS).

In a statement, the Indian Navy said, "The crew of both Indian and Kenyan navies conducted drills in firefighting & damage control, boarding exercises and asymmetric threat simulations."

Indigenous INS Sunayna visited Mombasa, Kenya from June 20-23 towards boosting bilateral ties with maritime neighbours on the theme of Ocean Ring of Yoga, the Navy said.

The Commanding Officer called upon Brigadier Y S Abdi, Deputy Commander of Kenya Navy, and highlighted the significance of yoga towards bringing the world together. On the occasion of International Day of Yoga on June 21, a joint yoga session was conducted onboard with the participation of Indian Navy personnel and Kenyan defence forces.

The official visit of DCNS was from June 21-23 during which he oversaw the Harbour Phase activities of the ongoing Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the two countries' navies. He called on Aden Bare Duale, cabinet secretary, Ministry of Defence, Kenya. The two discussed "avenues of strengthening bilateral defence relations."

Vice Admiral Mahindru also called on General Francis O Ogolla, chief of defence forces. Key aspects of enhancing coordinated operations in the maritime domain and bolstering interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Kenya Navy were discussed.

A reception in honour of General Francis Ogolla, Chief of Defence Forces Kenyan Defence Forces was hosted onboard Sunayna by Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru.

The event was attended by HE Ms Namgya Khampa, High Commissioner of India, Nairobi. During his address, the CDF conveyed his gratitude towards friendly gestures by the Indian Navy in training the Kenya Navy personnel and expressed his commitment towards continuous cooperation between both countries.

JOINING FORCES AT THE SEA

A maritime partnership exercise was conducted by Indian and Kenyan Navies

Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru gifted 200 life jackets to the Kenyan Commander

Visit of INS Sunayna was preceded by the visit of Indian Naval Ship Trishul on a port call in May

Kenya and India held second Joint Defence Cooperation Committee in Nairobi in NOV 2022

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> Indian Navy statement

From yoga to drone, Modi's US trip makes history

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the US concluded with enhanced economic ties, collaboration in manufacturing, enhanced diplomatic presence with more missions and a historic welcome which exceeded the expectations of everyone. From Yoga to PM Modi's address in the Congress, the trip will go down in history.

"India and the US are united by common destiny. When our partnership progresses, the world will be a better place," said PM Modi.

Both PM Modi and US President Joe Biden took part in India-US Hi-Tech handshake event at the White House which was moderated by Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and saw the participation of leading Indian and American CEOs of tech companies and start-ups. The thematic focus of the forum was on 'AI for All' and 'Manufacturing for Mankind'.

Those who attended the event from the Indian side included Mukesh Ambani, Anand Mahindra, Nikhil Kamath and Vrinda Kapoor. The American CEOs included Satya Nadella, Sundar Pichai, Thomas Tull, besides astronaut Sunita Williams.

PM Modi underlined the immense potential of harnessing Indo-US tech cooperation for socio-economic growth. He also applauded the contribution of India's talented youth in fostering a culture of innovation. President Biden called on CEOs to help expand India-US tech tie-up to new fields, including biotechnology and quantum.

Both leaders underscored that India-US partnership would play an instrumental role in building a better future for our people and the world.

PM Modi invited Google CEO Sundar Pichai to explore further avenue of collaboration in the Aritificial Intelligence, fintech, cybersecurity and mobile device manufacturing in India. He also discussed a possible collaboration between Google and academic institutions in India to promote R&D and skill development.

Meanwhile, while addressing a gathering of over 1000 professionals in the US at the John F. Kennedy Centre, PM highlighted the progress made in India. "This is the moment," he said and invited the professionals to forge partnerships with India.

While addressing the diaspora, in the Ronald Reagan Centre, PM Modi said that those attending the meeting have created a mini-India as there were representatives from across all states in India who are now settled in the US.

"In the past four days in the US I have met President Biden, CEOs of leading companies and am impressed by the India-US partnership which is based on conviction, compassion and shared commitment for a better world," said PM Modi to the diaspora adding that the foundation of the partnership was the Indian diaspora.

The major take aways of this trip include the US deciding to return over 100 antiquities to India, besides major deals in defence, trade and space.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE VISIT

The Prime Minister's US visit has resulted in some big-ticket announcement in the following areas

DEFENCE

Joint production of fighter jet engines in India: GE Aerospace inked an MoU with Hindustan Aeronautics to jointly produce fighter jet engines for IAF's Light Combat Aircraft Tejas Mark 2

ARMED DRONES

India and the US may announce a mega deal on the purchase of General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper (armed drones) by India, a move which would further bolster India's national security and surveillance capabilities not only in the Indian Ocean but also along the frontier with China

SPACE

The nations will collaborate on sending an Indian astronaut to the International Space Station in 2024. India has also decided to join the Artemis Accord on civil space exploration

BUSINESS

PM Modi invited America's Micron Technology to boost semiconductor manufacturing in India. The Prime Minister also invited Applied Materials to India for development of process technology and advanced packaging capabilities

AVIATION

Modi also invited General Electric to play a greater role in the aviation and renewable energy sector in India

DIPLOMACY

The US will open two new consulates in Bengaluru and Ahmedabad, while India will establish a mission in Seattle

H-1B VISA: The US will introduce in-country renewable H-1B visas, which will help Indian professionals in US to continue with their jobs without having to travel overseas for renewal of work visas

Phase-2 of passport seva programme on the anvil

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

INDIA will soon embark on the second phase of Passport Seva Programme (PSP), including new and upgraded e-passports.

On the occasion of Passport Sewa Dewas on Saturday, External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** asked passport-issuing authorities to support him in renewing the pledge to provide passport and related services in a "timely, reliable, accessible, transparent, and efficient manner".

The second version of the passport programme is in sync with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of enhancing easy of living for citizens. "These initiatives will usher in a new paradigm of 'EASE' — E: Enhanced passport services to citizens, using a digital eco-system; A: Artificial Intelligence-powered service delivery; S: Smoother overseas travel using chip-enabled e-passports; E: Enhanced data security," the minister said.

The foreign minister further said that after the pandemic the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) rose to meet the rising demand for passport-related services by increasing the number of daily appointments and organising special drives over the weekends. He added the ministry processed as many as 13.32 million passports and miscellaneous services last year, which marked a rise of 63 per cent from 2021.

Jaishankar noted that there were 77 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in the country in 2014, which have risen seven-fold to stand at 523 in 2023.

THE NEW SUNDAY EXPRESS

DRUG MENACE

HP Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Saturday said a mass movement will be launched in the state against the drug menace. He said an 8-km long walk against the drug menace will be flagged off by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla from Haroli to Kangar on June 27.

02 DEAD

AS CONTAINER TRUCK DASHES PICK-UP VAN AT KHANDALA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	29	Mumbai	35	28
Bhopal	41	27	Panaji	31	28
Jaipur	40	30	Patna	42	31
Amritsar	41	29	Lucknow	42	31
Chennai	38	30	Port Blair	32	28
Kolkata	38	29	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	31	22	Chandigarh	43	28

BJP to deploy party's best booth workers in 5 poll-bound states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE BJP has decided to rope in the services of party's best booth-level workers in Lok Sabha constituencies across the country for booth management in the five poll-bound states -- Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram.

On June 27, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected address over 2,700 booth- level workers from 543 constituencies at the Motilal Nehru Stadium in Bhopal. Party workers at 10 lakh booths across the country will be simultaneously connected to the PM's event live.

The PM will interact with the five top-performing booth-level workers, BJP sources in Bhopal told this newspaper. On the eve of the event, BJP national president JP Nadda will address the same 2,,700-plus best booth-level workers and render them a detailed role of Vistaraks in the coming assembly polls in the five states.

While 400 workers (hailing from 83 LS seats of the five poll-bound states) will work in their own states, the five best workers from each of the 460 remaining LS seats in other parts (total around 2,300 workers) will be assigned the role of Vistaraks to work for booth management in the these five states.

The detailed role will be assigned to them by the national BJP president in his interaction with them on June 26 in Bhopal.

The exposure and experience of booth management attained from these five states will add to their expertise.

"This marks broad-basing of the existing practice of just roping in the key organizational leaders from different states for poll management in election-bound seats. Utilizing the services of best booth level workers selected through a long process of interviews for booth level management in states other than their own states means actual empowerment and recognition of the grass-root workers of the party and rendering them learning experience to replicate best practices in their constituencies for the actual target, the 2024 general elections," a senior MP BJP leader said.

Balidan Stambh for martyred soldiers

Amit Shah says the pillar in Srinagar to inspire patriotism among Kashmiri youth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

HOME Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone of 'Balidan Stambh' in Srinagar to immortalise the memory of martyrs and inspire patriotism among youth.

"Jammu and Kashmir is the land of indomitable courage and bravery of nation's brave hearts. To immortalise the valour of such heroes, the foundation stone of the 'Balidan Stambh' was laid at Pratap Park in Srinagar on Saturday. The Stambh will inspire patriotism among the youth by immortalising the memory of the martyrs," the Home Minister said in a tweet.

Shah is on a two-day official visit to Jammu & Kashmir. Shah, along with Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, laid the foundation stone Pratap Park near the Lal Chowk city centre 'the commercial hub of the Srinagar city, according to PTI.

The martyrdom of numerous Jawans of the Jammu and Kashmir Police who sacrificed their lives while fighting terrorists and securing innocent citizens is proof that Kashmir and its people are committed towards peace, he said.

"Today, met the family members of such martyrs in Srinagar and distributed appointment letters on behalf of the J&K Government to the family members of the martyrs," the Union Home Minister said.

He also addressed the Vitasta Mahotsav, organised by the Ministry of Culture, as the chief guest in Srinagar.

People who have seen the last 30-40 years of history of Kashmir find it a disputed and disturbed region, he said, adding that it is the nature of Kashmir to move forward like an immortal flame despite having many issues. Kashmir is moving forward today by assimilating arts through Vitasta Mahotsav, he said. Shah also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 84 development projects of about ₹586 crore in Srinagar.

In his address, Shah said the foundation stone and inauguration of various development works will benefit about 22 lakh people and will make their daily life easier.

"When pure drinking water reaches a house, it not only removes the problem of the woman who has to fetch water from far away, but also brings a qualitative improvement in the health of the whole family. Similarly, 100 schools are being modernised at par with the rest of the country so that the children of the valley are not deprived of modern education." Shah said.

Before going to Srinagar the Minister laid the foundation stone of Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Samba and inaugurated and laid foundation stone of various development schemes in Jammu also.

Amit Shah with J&K Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar on Saturday | **ZAHOOR PUNJABI**

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Venugopal's visit raises many eyebrows

A sudden visit to Jaipur by Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal has created a flutter in Congress circles in Rajasthan. After talks with Sachin Pilot in Delhi, Venugopal reached Jaipur to attend a wedding in the family of minister Bhajan Lal. But it's his long meeting with CM Ashok Gehlot that has sparked lots of curiosity. After Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge met Gehlot-Pilot in Delhi on May 29 and the duo agreed to fight elections together, the formula for their reconciliation has been eagerly awaited. Many link Venugopal's visit with the quest for an agreeable formula.

Jodhpur hosts first LGBTQ rally

While the debate about gay marriage rages in the country, representatives of the community reached Jodhpur to participate in a unique rally of LGBTQ community. The rally was taken out to create awareness, mutual understanding and promote equal rights in society. While dancing in this rally, people of the transgender community attracted people's attention in Jodhpur, the hometown of CM Ashok Gehlot. The month of June is celebrated as Pride Month of LGBTQ community and the Jodhpur rally was organised under the Garima Project of Sambhali Trust. Sambhali Trust founder Govind Rathod said that "We want to promote a message of peace and equal rights."

UN, Raj Police sign MoU for 'effective' probe

The United Nations Population Fund and the Rajasthan Police have signed an MoU for effective investigation of cases of violence against women in the state and for prevention of such cases. The MOU will pave the way for the establishment of a Gender Unit in the Rajasthan Police Academy. The MoU was signed by Andrea Wojner, Director of Bhutan and India's representative at UNFPA and P Ramjee, Director of Poes Academy. DGP Umesh Mishra said that "women's desks and reception rooms have already been set up in police stations. Through this MoU, research work will be done to see how well women are getting the benefits of new police policies."

Immigration agent who duped 700 students held

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A Punjab based immigration agent Brijesh Mishra, who duped more than 700 Indian students by allegedly preparing fake college admission offer letters and bringing them at risk of deportation, has been arrested by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) on charges of immigration-related offences.

Mishra who owns an immigration agency called EMSA in Jalandhar had gone missing just before this scam came to light. There were about 30 such students facing deportation proceedings and an additional 130 more cases that were being investigated due to the fake college admission letter scam. They arrived in Canada between 2017 and 2019 and started getting notices from CBSA in 2021 as the agency said that the letter were fake, said sources.

Sources said that Mishra was arrested when he attempted to enter the country and is being held by the Canadian authorities in British Columbia. Since he has been criminally charged, his custody has been transferred from the Canada Border Services Agency to law enforcement agency.

The effected students had held demonstrations in Canada.

After ED raid, Uddhav hits out at BJP, demands probe into PM Care Fund

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER the Enforcement directorate (ED) raids on aides of Uddhav Thackeray, Aaditya Thackeray and MP Sanjay Raut in connection with the Covid centre scam, the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader on Saturday hit out at Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) demanding probe in PM CARES fund.

Uddhav said that he welcomes the ED's decisions to probe his work during the pandemic, but questioned as to why the BMC alone was targeted. "If central agencies are free and fair, then they should conduct the probe into the functioning of civic bodies of Nagpur, Pimpri-Chinchwad and Pune, as well as governments in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, all led by BJP," Uddhav Thackeray said.

"Many industrialists donated huge sum of money to the PM CARES Fund. Let people know where the money was used. Ratan Tata has also given ₹1,000 crore to this fund. Where has all this money gone? Let there be a free and fair probe," Uddhav Thackeray said.

"My work as a CM was appreciated across the world but BJP could not stomach it. I was also in the top-ten best CM list where not a single BJP-ruled state CM was featured. The BMC elections may be announced in November 2023 so before that, the BJP wants to tarnish my image. But people are wise enough to understand their agenda," Uddhav Thackeray added.

Thackeray also hit out to deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis for attacking his family members. Thackeray said, "Mr Fadnavis should refrain from attacking families, otherwise they will also not be spared. Already some WhatsApp chats (connected to Amruta Fadnavis and bookie Anil Singhania) are out, if we started speaking on this, Fadnavis will have no option but to do yoga's shawasan.

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C'garh Cong chief upsets Baghel, rift deepens in party ahead of polls

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

WITH the Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh due after four months, the rift evidently surfaced within the ruling Congress as the PCC chief Mohan Markam, instead of heeding to the command given by the party in-charge Kumari Selja, chose to continue with his decision that reshuffled as many as six key office bearers in the organisation.

Selja has asked the PCC chief to immediately revoke all new appointments made by him and asked him to assign senior Congressman Ravi Ghosh the responsibility as the general secretary (administration and organisation).

Markam had shifted Ghosh as in-charge of Bastar. Selja's letter addressed to Markam carry an implied thrust that the approved list issued by him is not acceptable to her.

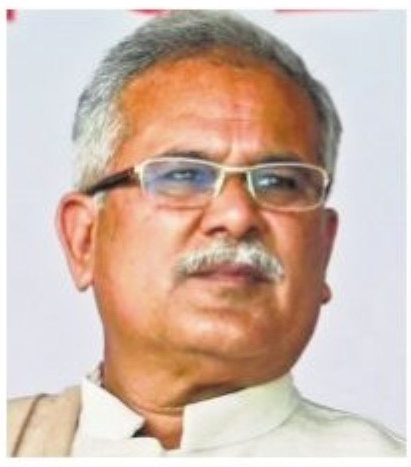
Chief minister **Bhupesh Baghel** is said to be unhappy with Markam's list that ruffled many feathers within the Congress. The speculations were rife about the strong differences persisting between Baghel and Markam and the recent development has apparently brought the tussle to the fore.

According to the party insiders, the Baghel camp followers expressed their resentment claiming the PCC president neither consulted the chief minister nor discussed or brought it to the notice of the state party in-charge.

However Markam seems firm to continue with his opted choice and said that till the next list is not issued all the newly appointed office bearers will continue working in their given respective position.

"The list issued (by him on June 16) is based on the effective utility of the party office bearers during the polls. The work division within the organisation is carried out based on their performance, that gets reviewed. Till the another list is issued, those who are given the responsibility will continue to deliver their roles for the party", said Markam, MLA who represents tribal seat Kondagaon in north Bastar.

The BJP state president Arun Sao addressed the issue , said that people's welfare has suffered owing to the alleged internal strife within the Congress.



New Guj Cong chief causes unrest in party

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THE quarrel in Gujarat Congress is heating up less than a week after Rajya Sabha MP Shakti Sinh Gohil took over as Gujarat Congress party chief. Two top Congress Leaders have written a letter and claimed that the Chandal Chowkdi (vicious four) be expelled from the party for manipulating the party's high command and the state president in order to advance their interests.

Just seven days after the Gujarat Congress got a new president, Imran Khedawala, Ahmedabad's Jamalpur MLA and former Shahpur MLA Gyasuddin Shaikh have written to GPCC's New president Shaktisinh Gohil to voice their discontent with four leaders who have been deceiving the senior officials. The names of the four leaders were not mentioned in the letter.

The letter said senior leaders in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Bhavnagar, and Rajkot have taken control of the Con g and are preventing others from guaranteeing its triumph.

U'khand asks heli operators to soundproof schools in Kedarnath

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE state government, in a solution to the noise disturbance caused by helicopters to schools lying in catchment area in Kedarnath Dham, has put the task of soundproofing the classes on the heli-operators.

In order to maintain uninterrupted academic work in schools affected by the roaring noise of helicopters flying to Kedarnath Dham, the Uttarakhand government has decided to make the schools in the catchment area soundproof and has given them an ultimatum to respond within 15 days.

According to sources, "Heli companies have been instructed to prepare soundproof classrooms in schools near the helipad which comes under the purview of flights operated to Kedarnath." The government order also warned that failure to comply would result in the ban on the concerned helicopter company for the Kedarnath yatra for at least three years.

Issued by Mayur Dixit, Rudraprayag District Magistrate, the order also directed the heli company operators that "for the betterment of public facilities in the villages of Kedarghati, heli companies will have to contribute five per cent of their total earnings during the journey to the CSR fund". State Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj told this newspaper, "After studying the long-standing complaints of public representatives and suggestions of parents, the administration has written to all the seven heli companies operating in this area and instructed them to prepare soundproof classrooms in schools affected by the loud noise near the helipads."

"It has come to my notice that the schools affected by the loud roar of the helicopters include Government Primary and Junior High School Dewar, Primary School Masta, Primary School Narayanketi, GIC Narayankoti, Junior High School Maikhanda, Primary School Khat and Khadia, GIC Phata and Primary School Shersi," Maharaj told this daily.

Minister Maharaj stressed, "Children's education is of utmost importance, on the other hand religious belief cannot be 'delimited'. Therefore, the government has decided that the classrooms of the schools falling under the helicopter roar area should be soundproofed as soon as possible.

Rlys' biggest solar plant coming up in Bhilai

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Indian Railways is all set to begin production from its biggest solar plant of at Bhilai in Chhattisgarh.

The 50-megawatt solar photovoltaic plant is the Railways' second after its 1.7 MW unit that was commissioned in February last year at Bina under West Central Railway in adjoining Madhya Pradesh.

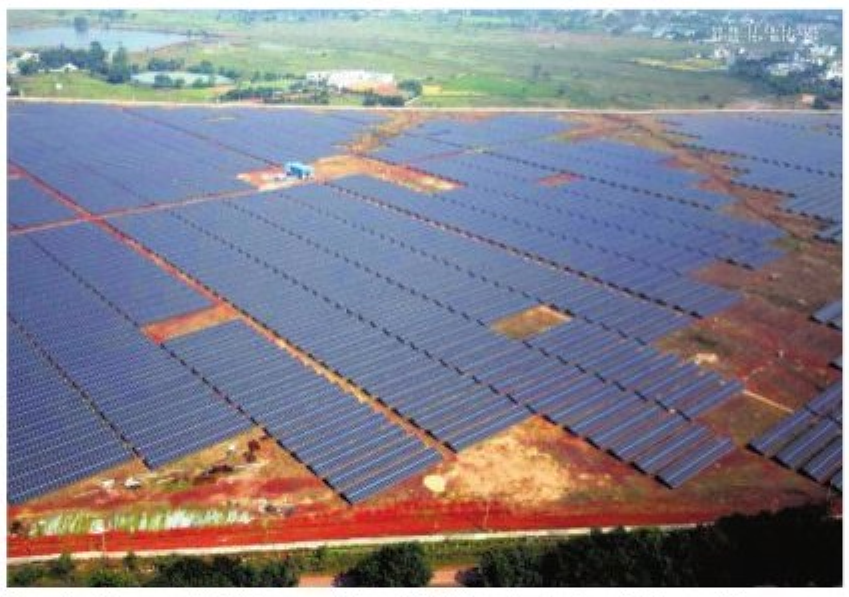
As part of its initiative to use the vast and unoccupied areas to promote renewable energy, a solar plant was installed at Charoda close to a national highway in Bhilai under the Raipur Division of the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone.

"It is the biggest solar plant of Indian Railways. Such projects are aimed towards making the Indian Railways green. Efforts are on towards reducing the carbon footprint by further augmenting the use of renewable energy with setting-up more solar plants in different regions by the Railways," said Vipin Vaishnav, senior divisional commercial manager, Raipur Railway Division.

The plant is spread across 200 acres and has 1,54,500 solar photovoltaic panels installed. It underwent two trials in May and June. SECR officials said the Railway Board will decide on use of the renewable energy-- whether to feed traction power for Indian Railways or for commercial purposes.

The electricity generated by the solar plant will be supplied to Power Grid Corporation and the same quantum of energy can be utilised by the Railways anywhere across the country from the regional grid depending upon the demand, they added. The project was assigned to a Chennai-based Sherisha Rooftop Solar SPV that after the completion will operate it for over two-decades.

The Railways officials expect the project to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



The plant is spread in 200 acres, it has 1,54,500 solar photovoltaic panels | **EXPRESS**

GREEN PUSH

Indian Railways' biggest solar power plant in Bhilai

Plant spread across 200 acres of Railway land

1,54,500 solar panels installed in the plant

₹300 CRORE cited as cost incurred in the project

Power supply via 33KV substations connected with Power Grid

FOUR
arrested over China restaurant blast that killed 31 in the northwestern city of Yinchuan on Wednesday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • **HR:** Heavy Rain • **SW:** Snow • **TDS:** Thundershower • **LC:** Light Cloud • **SNY:** Sunny

Beijing	37	22	TDS	Los Angeles	23	14	LC
Colombo	30	26	LC	Melbourne	13	10	HR
Dhaka	31	26	TDS	Moscow	23	14	HR
Dubai	39	30	SNY	New York	28	21	LC
Houston	37	27	SNY	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	29	20	LC	Toronto	24	19	LC
London	30	14	LC	Washington	31	22	LC

World on edge as rebels march to Moscow

Biden briefed on the situation; Zelenskyy says window of opportunity for Ukraine in its fight against Russia; Austria warns of nuclear risk

MOSCOW

COUNTRIES around the world were on Saturday closely watching events unfolding in Russia, where a mutiny by the Wagner mercenary group posed the most serious challenge yet to President Vladimir Putin's long rule.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that the Wagner mutiny showed Russia was weak. "Russia's weakness is obvious. Full-scale weakness. And the longer Russia keeps its troops and mercenaries on our land, the more chaos, pain, and problems it will have for itself later," he said in a statement on social media. Deputy Defence Minister Ganna Malyar said it provided a "window of opportunity" for Kyiv on the battlefield.

US President Joe Biden was briefed on the situation in Russia and Washington "will be consulting with allies and partners on these developments," National Security Council spokesman Adam Hodge said.

European Union chief Charles Michel tweeted that the bloc was "closely monitoring the situation in Russia as it unfolds in touch with European leaders and G7 partners." "This is clearly an internal Russian issue," he wrote, adding that "our support for Ukraine" remains "unwavering."

British PM Rishi Sunak urged "all parties to be responsible and to protect civilians." "We're in touch with our allies as the situation evolves. I'll be speaking to some of them later today and the most important thing is for all parties to behave responsibly," he told *BBC*.

Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer warned of the nuclear risks of the instability in Russia. "The operations of the Russian Federations are always of the utmost importance, because the Russian Federation has a great potential for biological, chemical and nuclear weapons," he said. In Paris, French President Emmanuel Macron is also keeping a close eye, the Elysee said. "We remain focused on supporting Ukraine."

In Rome, Italian PM Giorgia Meloni's office said the events "show how the aggression against Ukraine is causing instability also within Russia."

The EU's Josep Borrell announced that foreign affairs ministers of the G7 nations held a call to "exchange views" on the situation on Saturday. Borrell didn't provide details of the exchange in his tweet, which Berlin also confirmed, saying German Foreign Affairs Minister Annalena Baerbock "just discussed the situation" with her G7 counterparts.

Qatar's foreign ministry said it was following "with great concern" and urged restraint. "The situation in Russia and Ukraine will have negative repercussions on international peace and security, and on food and energy supplies...," it said.

AFP

Kremlin chef who cooked up the rebellion

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the owner of the Wagner Group military company, records his video addresses in Rostov-on-Don, Russia on Saturday | AP

MOSCOW

Once a low-profile businessman who benefited from having President Vladimir Putin as a powerful patron, Yevgeny Prigozhin moved into the global spotlight with Russia's war in Ukraine.

Prigozhin, owner of the Wagner Group, has escalated what have been months of scathing criticism of Russia's conduct of the war by calling on Friday for an armed uprising to oust the defence minister. Russian security services reacted immediately, opening a criminal investigation and urging Prigozhin's arrest.

Prigozhin and Putin go way back, with both born in St. Petersburg.

During the final years of the Soviet Union, Prigozhin served time in prison.

Afterward, he owned a hot dog stand and then fancy restaurants that drew interest from Putin. In his first term, the Russian leader took then-French President Jacques Chirac to dine at one of them.

His businesses expanded significantly to catering and providing school lunches. In 2010, Putin helped open Prigozhin's factory that was built on generous loans by a state bank. In Moscow alone, his company Concord won millions of dollars in contracts to provide meals at public schools.

He also organised catering for Kremlin events for several years—earning him the nickname "Putin's chef"—and has provided catering and utility services to the Russian military.

As his forces fought and died en masse in Ukraine, Prigozhin raged against Russia's military brass.

AP

Wagner leadership

Many veterans of the Russian armed forces are presently in top positions in the mercenary group

DMITRY UTKIN

Believed to be the co-founder of Wagner, he functions as an operational commander of the group.

He is a former member of Russia's Special Forces and was deployed to Syria in 2014

ANDREI TROSHEV

A former Colonel who was conferred with Russia's highest military honour 'Hero of the Russian Federation' for his military service

He is believed to be the Wagner group's 'Chief of Staff'

KONSTANTIN PIKALOV

Another veteran of the Russian armed forces, he is believed to be in charge of Wagner's operations in African continent

ALEXEI DYUMIN

President Vladimir Putin's former personal bodyguard. He is a deputy defence minister and deputy chief of the GRU military intelligence unit

First big challenge to Putin's leadership

From the rise of the former KGB officer to the Kremlin to his invasion of Ukraine and a mutiny by the Wagner rebels who backed him, here is a look at key challenges in Putin's rule

YELTSIN'S HEIR

In August 1999, Russia's first president after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Boris Yeltsin, makes a little-known former head of the FSB security service (ex-KGB) his PM

Less than five months later, Yeltsin resigns after succumbing to alcoholism and illness. Putin succeeds him, first as acting president and then as elected leader after a March 2000 election

TRIO OF DISASTERS

Disaster strikes early in his presidency, when the nuclear-powered submarine Kursk sinks in the Barents Sea in August 2000, with 118 crew aboard. Putin's muted response to the catastrophe is heavily criticised

In October 2002, Chechen rebels take 800 theatre-goers hostage in Moscow, with 130 people killed

Two years later, gunmen take more than 1,000 people hostage at a school in Beslan, in the Northern Caucasus republic of North Ossetia. Security forces storm the building, triggering a battle in which 330 people are killed, including more than 180 children

UKRAINE INVASION

On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announces a "special military operation" in Ukraine to "demilitarise" and "de-nazify" the former Soviet state and protect Russian speakers in the east

CRITICS POISONED

Putin's second stint as president sees a crackdown on dissent and press freedom. In 2015, prominent Putin critic, former deputy premier Boris Nemtsov, is gunned down

In 2018, Russian former double agent Sergei Skripal is poisoned in England, and later campaigner Alexei Navalny also falls seriously ill after being poisoned

CRIMEA ANNEXATION, SOCHI GAMES

Early 2014 offers stark contrasts—in February, the $50-billion Winter Olympics jamboree in the Russian city of Sochi offers up a picture of a modern superpower through a sporting prism

EXPRESS READ

Indian-origin man, nephew jailed for leading drugs gang in Britain

london: An Indian-origin man and his nephew who led a gang found guilty of supplying more than 100 kg of Class A banned drugs across the West Midlands region of England have been sentenced to a total of 32 years imprisonment by a UK court. Kamaljit Singh Chahal, 52, and Bhipon Chahal, 25, were given 14 years at Leicester Crown Court on Thursday, when eight other gang members were also sentenced for operating a West Bromwich Organised Crime Group (OCG) supplying mainly cocaine and heroin during 2020 at the height of the Covid pandemic, with records showing they made over GBP 1.5 million during that period. A third Indian-origin man, Sandeep Johal, 32, was ordered to serve 11 years for his role with the gang, with the total sentence for all 10 men adding up to over 100 years. One of the gangsters even used a van with a NHS emblem with a 'Thank You NHS' sign, common during the pandemic, to transport the drugs to avoid detection. PTI

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **Sri Muthahanumaiah** Late Chikkamuthaiah,, aged about 70 years, R/at # Kempagoundanahalli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **HANUMAKKA W/o. Late Chikkamuthaiah, who was died on 12-03-2007** at Kempagoundanahalli, Cholarayakanahalli Post, Bengaluru South Taluk, City. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the Hon'ble C.M.M. Court on **17/07/2023 at 11-00 AM** in **C.Misc. No.818/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, Court Of The
Chief Metropolitan Magistarate At Bengaluru
GURUDEVA MURTHY, ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Smt. MAMTA SETHIYA,** W/o. Sri. Prasana Kumar, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from **Sri. PRADEEP .G.K and Smt. ARCHANA .G.P,** in respect of the schedule property mentioned below and any person/s who have any valid claim, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the said transaction by our clients may file his/her objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned **within 15 days** from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has any claim or agreement to sell or DTD or charge lien, otherwise or objections to the said transaction of the schedule property by our clients and our clients will complete the registration of the Sale Deed as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing B.D.A, vacant Site No:318, (formed in Sy No:87/1), situated at Jakkur Village, Arkavathy layout, Block-VII, Bengaluru. Measuring East to West 9.00 Meters and North to South 6.00 Meters, totally 54.00 square meters thereon and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** Site No:321, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No:317, **South by:** Site No:319

S.V. MANJUNATHA, Advocate
S.V. MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
No.14, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bangalore-560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **M/S Dhara Infra Projects** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Clients **Mrs. Nirmala. K & Mr. M. Daniyel Walter** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr.RADESH.K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli Bangalore. within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Vacant **Site No: 58, V.P Khata No: 29/2/36,** measuring East to West: **40 Feet** and North to South: **53 Feet,** totally measuring **2120 Square Feet** in the Layout formed in **Survey No: 29/2**, Situated at Heggondanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

Contact : **Mr. RADESH BE,** LL.B, LL.M
Director- MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
e-mail id: radesh@mkmlegalsolutions.com
Contact No: +91 9916433083

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Yours Sincerely
Sd/- **Mr. Srinivas Kalyan .K,** Director
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HINDU

TELUGU BRAHMIN, age 39, Chennai Based Invites Replies from Executives Even Widower with One Child can be considered.

Contact: 080-23653540

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, TONY RAVI RAJ PONNIAH aged about 60 years S/o Sandosh Raj Ponniah residing at Villa B 6 RANKA COLONY, Bilekahalli, Bangalore. have Lost ORIGINAL MOTHER DEED No.1196/92 Dated 12.05.1992, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Kelamangalam, Bangalore, has been misplaced / lost, while shifting my house, could not trace the same. In this regard I have lodged the Police Complaint vide Lost Report No. 0584818/2023 dated 01/06/2023 with Police Station, Bengaluru City. If anybody found please Call : 9741239744

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Sri. Vinay Srivatsa S/o Suresh K.G. residing at No. 1021, 1B, Main road, Near Narayana Hrudhayalaya Dental Hospital Yelahanka New town, Bengaluru-560064 do hereby inform that our client's father has lost the original sale deed dated 29.05.1998 which was registered as document No. 13077/1997-98 in the Office of Kengeri Sub-Register which is hereinafter morefully described as Schedule property.

In furtherance to the aforementioned event Our Client's father has lodged a police complaint before the jurisdictional police station for which the police have issued the lost article report.

Thus public is herewith requested to return the lost document if found to the below mentioned address.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing House list No. 67in Khatha No 3/1A, presently BBMP Khatha No. 660/504/67, situated at Pattanagere village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk measuring East to West ; 42+46/2 Feet and North to South 45-0 feet., in-toto measuring 1980 square feet and coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Managarpalike, Bengaluru, Ward No. 198 - Hemmigepura, and bounded on:-

East By : Road, West By : Property No. 68,
North by : Road, South by : Property No. 94.

Hamsa G. & Madhukar S.
Advocates
No. 13, Ground floor, Anu Arcade,
Outer ring road, near Hoysala Circle,
Kengeri Upnagara, Bengaluru-560060.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Palghat Division
E.Tender Number: 91/23/91215314D

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Materials Manager (Stores Branch) Southern Railway Palghat Division Invites attention to this Office E-Tender for the supply of under mentioned Stores.

Description of Stores: Supply, Installation & commissioning of computerized & automated single car test rig for LHB & ICF coaches for MAQ & SRR coaching depots as per technical specification attached as Annexure 'A'

Quantity: 2 Nos

Due date: 12-JULY-23

Consignee: CWS/SRR

Tender closing and opening date and time 12.07.2023 14:30 hrs For further details, please refer to web portal **www.ireps.gov.in>** E-Tender>stores>View Tenders.

Please note that only online quotations are accepted and offers are to be digitally signed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my clients **MR. ANNIS UR REHMAN,** S/o. Abdul Rehman .L, and his wife Mrs. TASNEEM FATHIMA, are residing at Flat No. F-2, Green Enclave, 1st Floor, No. 407, 2nd Cross, Shamanna Gowda Road, Kaveri Nagar, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore-560 032, have intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from MR. MADUSUDAN POOJARY, S/o. Late. Bogra Poojary, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 858, Lakshmi Nivasa, 4th Block, 12th Main, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 043.

Any person/s having any objection/s regarding the said sale transaction may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents **within four (4) days** from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House List No. 17, formed in Property/Assessment No. 40/5-A, Katha No. 345, Situated at Maruthi Layout, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Katha No. 622/17, in Ward No. 24, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet, and bounded on the: **East by:** R. Nanjappa's Property No. 18, **West by:** R. Nanjappa's Property No. 16, **North by:** Road, **South by:** R. Munegowda's Property No. 20.

Consisting of RCC roofed 4400 Square feet on the Ground, First, Second and Third floor commercial building, built with bricks walls, Vitrified flooring, doors and windows of jungle wood, other basic amenities.

B.V. MANJUNATHA, Advocate
No. 5, 1st floor, GNR Complex, Nehru road,
Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560 084.
Cell No. 98860 57247/ 98452 15207

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the property morefully setout in the schedule given below and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property", from its owner Sri. Ashwathappa son of Sri. Narayanappa, Aged about 44 years, residing at Appaji Village, Nagalamadike Hobli, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur District. Any person/s whomsoever having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such sale in favour of our client should write to the undersigned within **fourteen (14) days** of issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing their rights with regard to the Schedule Property. If no claims or objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that the Schedule Property is free from all acts of encumbrances or claims whatsoever of any nature and our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.51/1, measuring 09 Acres 09 guntas and 04 guntas of karab, situated at Ryafte Village, Nagalamadike Hobli, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkuru District and bounded as follows:-

On or towards the East by : Land bearing Sy No.51/2 ;
On or towards the West by : Land bearing Sy No.52 ;
On or towards the North by : Road ;
On or towards the South by : Land in Sy No. 50

Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc

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Sathya and Co.
Advocates and Legal Consultants
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1. Name of the work : **Construction of west side road along with Parikrama road of Lord Nilamadhab Temple at Kantilo of Nayagarh District. (A) Widening of embankment at the western side (Construction of west side road and protection work)**
2. Amount put to Tender : Rs.15,08,48,578.00
3. Bid Document Cost : Rs.10, 000.00 (online)
4. E.M.D : Rs.15,08,500.00
5. Class of Contractor : "A" Class & Special Class
6. Period of Completion : 18 calendar months (548 Days)
7. Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On- line for bidding		Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
		From	To	
Chief Engineer & BM, Mahanadi Kathajodi System, Bhubaneswar	CEMKS NAYD 01 of 2023-24	26.06.2023 10.00hrs	11.07.2023 17.00hrs	12.07.2023 11.00 hrs

8. e-mail Id : celmbbbsr@yahoo.co.in

Further detail conditions can be seen from the Govt. website *www.tendersodisha.gov.in*

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Mahanadi Kathajodi System
Bhubaneswar

OIPR-32252/11/0004/2324

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my clients **(1) Mrs. JESSY P JAMES and (2) Mr.BENNIES JOSE,** Both Residing at: #202, V S Enclave West Wing Balaji Layout, 6th Cross, Kaggadasapura , C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore 560093, have intended to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its lawful owners **(1) Mr. S. PRAFULLA CHANDRA,** Aged about 55 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy, **(2) Mr. VINOD .S.**, Aged about 48 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Shamanna, **(3) Mr. ADARSHA N REDDY**, Aged about 40 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Narayana Reddy, **(4) Mr. MUDDUKRISHNA REDDY .B.**, Aged about 71 years, S/o Late Mr. Bankadarayappa, **(5) Mr. DEEPAK .J.**, Aged about 30 years, S/o Mr. JayaramaReddy .B., **(6) Mr. S. RAJAGOPALA REDDY,** Aged about 73 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(7) Mr. S. NAGARAJA REDDY**, Aged about 68 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(8) Mr. S. CHANDRA SHEKARA REDDY**, Aged about 65 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(9) Mr. S. VIJAYA RAGHAVA REDDY**, Aged about 61 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(10) Mrs. R. BHAGYA LAKSHMI**, Aged about 68 years., W/o Late Mr. B. Krishna Reddy, **(11) Mrs. SHANTHALA SHEKAR,** Aged about 39 years, W/o Mr. Shekar H J Reddy, **(12) Mr. BALAJI K REDDY**, Aged about 34 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Krishna Reddy, above all **Sl.No.1 to 12** all are Rep., by their different registered GPA Holder, namely M/s SIZZLE PROPERTIES DEVELOPER,A Partnership Firm having its Office at:No.290, 6th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony Main Road, DoddaBanasawadi, Bangalore – 560043,Represented by its Managing Partner: **Mr. SRAVAN KUMAR REDDY.K.**

Any person/s, individual, institution, authorities, having any objections for the execution of the sale deed or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the schedule property is hereby called upon to file their objections/ claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within 5 days from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate with documentary proof, failing which, my clients shall proceed to complete registration in respect of the Schedule property with the above stated person/ company . My client shall not be liable or answerable for any claim put after the expiry of the aforesaid period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant residential **Site Bearing No.24**, "Khata No.202/157/3", in the layout known as **"SIZZLE MIDTOWN"**, formed in Old Survey No.157/1, New Survey No.157/3, totally area of land measuring 2 acres situated at Vibhuthipura Village, Marathalli Hobli, formerly K.R.PuraHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, formerly Bangalore South Taluk, property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and measuring: East to West :40 Feet, and North to South :40 Feet. In total measuring 1600 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by: Road, **West by:** Site No - 31,
North by: Road, **South by:** Site No - 23.
Bangalore, Date:24/06/2023
C.A.AJITH, Advocate, Ph. 9900944007.
Shyam Sundar, Advocate Ph. 9945215327
AJITH LAW CHAMBERS,
No.17, 5th Cross, Near Buddha Park,
Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage 3rd Block,
Bengaluru – 560 072.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my clients **(1) Mr.Mathew K Joseph and (2) Mrs.Simi Joseph,** Both Residing at: No.E002, Ground Floor, B.R.Grand, 9th Cross, Behind Lamcy super Market, Kaggadasapura, Bangalore 560093, have intended to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its lawful owners **(1) Mr. S. PRAFULLA CHANDRA,** Aged about 55 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Srinivasa Reddy, **(2) Mr. VINOD .S.**, Aged about 48 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Shamanna, **(3) Mr. ADARSHA N REDDY,** Aged about 40 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Narayana Reddy, **(4) Mr. MUDDUKRISHNA REDDY .B.**, Aged about 71 years, S/o Late Mr. Bankadarayappa, **(5) Mr. DEEPAK .J.**, Aged about 30 years, S/o Mr. JayaramaReddy .B., **(6) Mr. S. RAJAGOPALA REDDY,** Aged about 73 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(7) Mr. S. NAGARAJA REDDY,** Aged about 68 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(8) Mr. S. CHANDRASHEKARA REDDY,** Aged about 65 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(9) Mr. S. VIJAYA RAGHAVA REDDY,** Aged about 61 years, S/o Late Mr. E. Shankarappa Reddy, **(10) Mrs.R.BHAGYALAKSHMI,** Aged about 68 years., W/o Late Mr. B. Krishna Reddy, **(11) Mrs. SHANTHALA SHEKAR,** Aged about 39 years, W/o Mr. Shekar H J Reddy, **(12) Mr. BALAJI K REDDY,** Aged about 34 years, S/o Late Mr. B. Krishna Reddy, above all Sl.No.1 to 12 all are Rep., by their different registered GPA Holder, namely,**M/s SIZZLE PROPERTIES DEVELOPER,A** Partnership Firm having its Office at:No.290, 6th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony Main Road, DoddaBanasawadi, Bangalore – 560043,Represented by its Managing Partner:Mr. SRAVAN KUMAR REDDY.K.

Any person/s, individual, institution, authorities, having any objections for the execution of the sale deed or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the schedule property is hereby called upon to file their objections/ claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within **5 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate with documentary proof, failing which, my clients shall proceed to complete registration in respect of the Schedule property with the above stated person/ company . My client shall not be liable or answerable for any claim put after the expiry of the aforesaid period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant residential **Site Bearing No.55**, "Khata No.202/157/3", in the layout known as **"SIZZLE MIDTOWN"**, formed in Old Survey No.157/1, New Survey No.157/3, totally area of land measuring 2 acres situated at Vibhuthipura Village, Marathalli Hobli, formerly K.R.Pura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, formerly Bangalore South Taluk, property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and measuring: East to West :(41.7 + 41.1) / 2 Feet, and North to South : (38.9 + 39.8) /2 Feet. In total measuring 1629 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by: Road, **West by:** BEML Property,
North by: Private Property consisting of residential house, **South by:** Site No - 54.
Bangalore, Date: 24/06/2023
A.AJITH, Advocate, Ph. 9900944007.
Shyam Sundar, Advocate, Ph. 9945215327
AJITH LAW CHAMBERS,
No.17, 5th Cross, Near Buddha Park,
Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage 3rd Block,
Bengaluru – 560 072.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department
Electric Loco shed, Erode 638002
E –Tender Notice for the supply of Stores 22/ELSD/ED/Purchase/Advt./09

The Following e –tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in**----Login---- E Tender----Goods & Services (New) and quote against the tender.Manual quotations will not be entertained .Closing Time: 14:30 hours.

Tender No: 72235490

Description

Binary digital I/O card of VCU for WAP7, 3-phase MICAS Class of Locomotives as per ABB ID No.3EHL409319 R0002 Type - URB512 D15. Note:-This item is reserved for CLW approved sources of CLW Item ID:2100035 in IREPS Vendor Directory. Authorization letter from OEM shall be submitted along with tender.

Due date: 12-JUL-2023 14:30Hrs.

Attention: Micro Small Enterprises (MSEs).The benefits provided to MSEs under public procurement policy for goods and services are as details provided in the link http://www.ireps.gov.in----IREPS Public document –Southern Railway.

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURTS) AT BANGALORE (CCH-87)
Com O.S. No. 298/2023

BETWEEN :

1. Sri. N.B.SINGH S/o Late S.B.Singh Aged about 78 years R/at: No. DH-52, Deen Dayal Nagar, Gwalior-474 020 Madhya Pradesh
Rep by GPA Holder
Smt.MADHURI MOREY D/o. Sri. N.B.SINGH Aged about 51 Years, R/a.No.113, 3rd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Varma Layout, Bengaluru-560 024.

2. Sri. VIJAI SINGH S/o N.B.Singh Aged about 52 years C/o MC Software Ltd., 10431, Morado Circle, Austin, Texas, USA 78759
Rep by GPA Holder
Smt.MADHURI MOREYD/o. Sri. N.B.SINGH Aged about 51 Years, R/a.No.113, 3rd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Varma Layout, Bengaluru-560 024. **...PLAINTIFFS**

AND:

1. M/s 3 ACES HOSPITALITY (Pvt) Ltd.,
(Now it is known as M/s PEGASI SPIRITS PVT. LTD) Reg.Off: No.22/62, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi - 110 026 REPT by its Managing Director Sri Neeraj Kukreja.
Also at:
Level-3, Sy No.33/1, Doddakannahalli Village Bengaluru-560 035.
Also at:
No.411, 27th Main, Sector I, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102.

2. Sri. NEERAJ KUKREJA Managing Director M/s 3 ACES HOSPITALITY (Pvt) Ltd., (Now it is known as M/s PEGASI SPIRITS PVT. LTD) Reg.Off: No.22/62, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi - 110026.
E.Mail: neeraj@3aceshospitality.com.
Also at:
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Also at:
No.411, 27th Main, Sector I, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102. **...DEFENDANT**

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

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Whereas the plaintiff has instituted a suit for Ejectment and Recovery of arrears of rent of **Rs.57,47,753/-** along with other dues of **Rs.16,00,000/-** along with future damages of **Rs.4,00,000/-** per month from the defendants in Com.O.S No. 298/ 2023, you the defendants are hereby summoned to appear in this court either in person or through your pleader on the **27/7/23 at 11.00 A.M.** Take summons/notice that in default of your appearance on the day and the time above mentioned, you shall be placed exparte.

Given Under By hand & the seal of this Hon'ble Court on 23rd day of June, 2023.

By order of the Court
Sherastedhar,
City Civil Court
(Commercial Court), Bangalore
Address for the Plaintiff counsel
BHARATH KUMAR.V
Advocate,
No.4/2, 2nd floor, Shamsuddin Block,
HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet
Main Road,Bangalore-560002
Mob: 9845629337

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my clients, **Mr. C. Nagaraj, Mrs. K. Padmavathi and Mr. K. Lakshminarayan** have entered into an Agreement of sale for purchase of below mentioned schedule property with its owner **Sri. G. VIVEKANANDA, S/o. Late G.Gopalappa,** R/at No. 706, 7th Floor, KHB Highrise Building, A-Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064.

Any person/s, banks / financial Sectors / individual /authorities etc., having any claim/s, right, share or interest over the schedule property shall file his/her/their/its objections along with original documents with the undersigned within **07 DAYS** from the date of this publication.

Any objections on and after **07 days**, shall not be entertained and my clients shall proceed with the sale transaction presuming that there are no claim/s of anyone whatsoever over the same.

SCHEDULE

Agricultural Land bearing **Sy. No. 40/1** of **GONOOR VILLAGE (ಗೊಣೂರು), Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** measuring 1 acre 23 Guntas and bounded on:

East by : Land belongs to Jayaramaiah,
West by : Land belongs to P.C. Krishnappa,
North by : Land belongs to Ramachandrappa,
South by : Land belongs to Munigangappa,

(A.N. Krishna), Advocate,
#7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
Bengaluru Date : 25-06-2023

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$255.5 million loan the World Bank has approved for improving the quality of technical education in government-run institutions in India

Hospitality Industry set to record best summer season in 2023

Travellers seek experience-led travel, resulting in more bookings with pre-booked activities

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

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Aashish Gupta, Consulting CEO of FAITH

Preference for relaxed itineraries continues, with average room night per booking for April-June quarter rising for domestic and outbound holiday packages. Average nights booked for outbound packages for the summer quarter is 27% higher than same period in last year; and 85% higher than pre-Covid average

Rajesh Magow, co-founder and Group CEO, MakeMyTrip

INDIAN hospitality sector is all set to record its best-ever summer season this year as tourists continue to flock to popular destinations despite a huge surge in airfares and room tariffs.

Aashish Gupta, Consulting CEO of Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH), said as this summer season is the first full year post Covid-19 pandemic, there is large-scale boom across destinations and tourism markets.

"Travelling activities are expected to be 20-30% higher on a month-on-month basis than in a similar full year pre-Covid. Occupancies and average daily rates (ADRs) across markets, formats and locations will be higher by 15-40% depending upon on the type of location," Gupta told this publication

As per industry experts, all metrics of the hospitality industry are expected to improve in 2023 when compared to 2022 and the pre-covid year of 2019. This improvement is largely attributed to big business brought during the summer season when travel activity is at its highest level. The indication of the same was visible in Q4FY23 GDP numbers. Trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting as a category showed a 9.1% growth on real terms during the January-March 2023 quarter.

The sector closed CY22 with occupancy in the range of 59-61%, up 15-17% over CY21 and only 5-7% points lower than CY19, consultancy firm HVS Anarock had said in an earlier report. The report added that India-wide occupancy will improve to 66% in CY23, which coupled with a 16-17% rise in average room rates (ARRs) will push revenue per available room (RevPAR) to ₹4,690 during the year, about 18% higher than the pre-pandemic RevPAR recorded in CY19.

'Observing some early positive trend'

Rajesh Magow, co-founder and Group CEO of India's leading travel platform - MakeMyTrip - said they are observing some early positive trends in leisure travel ahead of the upcoming holiday season.

"The preference for relaxed itineraries continues, with the average room night per booking for April-June quarter increasing for domestic and outbound holiday packages. The average nights booked for outbound packages for the summer quarter is 27% higher than last year's corresponding period; and almost 85% higher than the pre-pandemic average," Magow told this publication.

He added, "In domestic packages, too, we have seen a 54% increase in average room nights booked this year over the corresponding period in 2019. The preference for relaxed itineraries has positively impacted average per-passenger spend. Travellers are seeking experience-led travel, resulting in more bookings with pre-booked activities."

Radisson Hotel Group spokesperson said for them travel during this year's summer season has kickstarted on a positive note with consumers taking trips to the hills preferable to get respite from the heat and hustle of city life.

"On average, the length of stay is around 3-5 days which inculcates activities within and outside the property as well. We are hoping this momentum picks up further during the month of June and July before the onset of monsoon season which is usually the lean period for the industry," the spokesperson said.

A senior executive of a leading resort chain said that the industry could have clocked better numbers if not for higher airfares.

"Travel plans of budget consumers have been impacted due to rising airfares and fewer chances of getting a confirmed train ticket. The premium consumers, however, are spending lavishly on leisure travel this season," he added.

Airfares have skyrocketed owing to the grounding of Go First. The budget carrier used to carry 8-9 lakh passengers per month and its grounding has led to a big mismatch between demand and supply.

Popular destinations remains first choice of travellers

According to MakeMyTrip, on the international front, while long-haul destinations, including Europe, are generating a lot of interest, short-haul destinations such as Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Maldives, and UAE make it to the top five. In the domestic market, Goa, Kochi, Srinagar, Dehradun, and Leh are the most sought-after flight destinations. From an accommodation lens, the top ten most booked destinations remain consistent, led by Goa. Leading metropolitan cities, such as Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Chennai, take the next five slots. Jaipur, followed by Kolkata and Pune, complete the top ten list.

A recent survey by Oyo noted that mountains are the most preferred choice this summer for travellers, followed closely by beaches.

India's favourite mountain destination is Manali, followed by Kashmir, Mcleod Ganj, Ooty and Coorg. Buoyed by high demand for mountain destinations, Oyo is on course to open 300 new hotels by August 2023 across cities such as Manali, Mussoorie, Nainital, Srinagar, Shimla, Ooty and Darjeeling.

Shreerang Godbole, chief service officer at OYO, said: "As we enter the summer travel season, we are thrilled to see a surge in travel demand and a strong desire among travellers to explore the beauty and diversity of India. This surge in travel demand is a promising sign for the growth and development of the Indian travel and hospitality industry."

NEWSCOPE

BIDEN BEAR HUG FOR MODI AS REALPOLITIK ECLIPSES HUMAN RIGHTS

GURBIR SINGH

ITS India versus China. And it is all happening in the USA.

President Joe Biden has pulled out all stops to give a red carpet welcome to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The state visit, only the third in Biden's tenure, was designed to elevate US-India relations to a new high. A huge guard of honour on the South Lawn of the White House; a state dinner with portobello mushrooms personally put together by a chef specializing in vegetarian cuisine; and Oval office deals that allow transfer of US technology denied to India for the last four decades.

The signaling is very clear from Washington. India is no more a pariah. She's now going to be US' big Asian partner. After years of denial of jet engine technology, GE Aerospace will sign a deal with Hindustan Aeronautics for manufacturing GE's F414 engines to power India's light combat aircraft, the Tejas MK-2.

Among other things, the state visit green lights India's purchase of about $3 billion worth of MQ-9B SeaGuardian drones. The decks have also been cleared for Micron setting up a semi-conductor chip plant in Gujarat. The US company will be investing $825 million in the facility soon after China banned its products on security grounds.

Backsliding democracy

India and Prime Minister Modi have come a long way. Nearly 2 decades ago, in 2005, the US denied a visa to Mr Modi following anti-Muslim riots in Gujarat when the he was the chief minister. Despite the changed circumstances, India's backsliding on democratic values continues to hang over the Prime Minister's state visit.

The widely perceived discrimination against India's Muslim minority, and the rough treatment of the news media, particularly the ban on BBC's recent documentary, have not gone down well with many. As many as 70 Democrat lawmakers wrote to Joe Biden to bring up the issue of human rights abuses with Prime Minister Modi. In an interview with CNN, former US President Barrack Obama said India may start "pulling apart" if the government does not protect ethnic minorities.

It is not that the Biden administration is unaware of the creeping autocracy in India. The 'Democracy Index', prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit, has downgraded India to a "flawed democracy", while the US' not-for-profit Freedom House has lowered India from a free democracy to a "partially free democracy".

Containing China

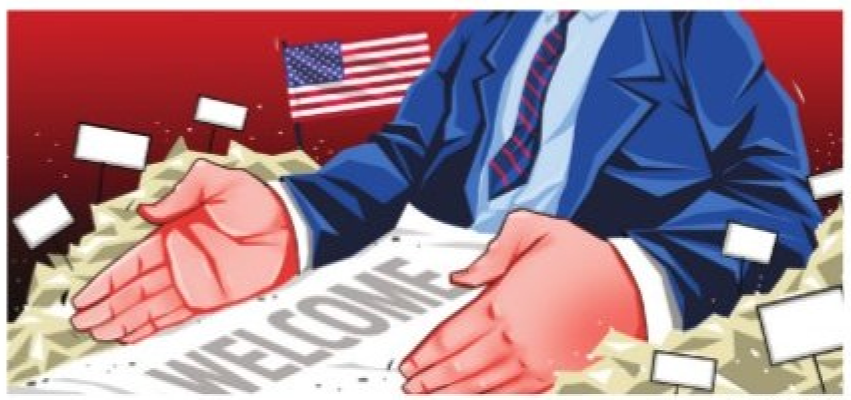
It is just that human rights issues abroad have taken a backseat as the US hurtles into a new era of confrontation in a tri-polar militarized world. China is done with playing the role of a regional power, and is seeking a new 'world power' status. Driven by the new nationalism of President Xi Jinping, China is flexing its muscles to unify Taiwan with the mainland – a western outpost fiercely defended by the US.

On the Ukraine front, though China has not entered the war directly, there is a clear axis with Russia to take on the US and its allies through alternative trade agreements, preferential and discounted purchase of Russian oil, supply of munitions to Russia and the construction of an alternative currency to the dollar.

As the Russia-China alliance strengthens, the US is increasingly desperate to firm up strong Asian allies. India, currently facing aggressive Chinese expansionism on its Himalayan borders has therefore become a natural ally in the new domino war. It is already part of the Quad – Australia, Japan, Indian and US - alliance. The US is also keen to break India's dependence on Soviet and later Russian arms imports. It has come down from 62% in 2017 to about 45% in 2022, but most of India's arms hardware is still Russian. Ironically, it is the US stonewalling ofIndia's defense demands that pushed the latter into Russia's lap; but now the US is reversing its position seeing India's keenness to diversify.

Biden also wants to break China's global supply chain control by helping India becoming an alternative hub for intermediate products like the sub-conductor microchip currently in heavy short supply.

Finally, those who have followed the US' foreign policy over the last decade will know that the country's domestic allegiance to the Freedom charter has very little to do with human rights in other parts of the globe. Toppling regimes that are unfriendly, rigging elections and bumping off leaders perceived to be anti-US has been the active mandate of US' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).



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From the assassination of Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba in 1961 to the killing of Chilean left-wing President Salvador Allende in 1971, the hand of the US has never been far behind. Little wonder that in the current Russia-US faceoff in the Ukraine, there is little trust in African capitals on the US position.

That said, it is unlikely human rights will dictate US' foreign policy towards India. Thanks to the Nehruvian policy of non-alignment, India has always shunned membership of international blocs. However, there's a rapidly changing geo-political balance, and it offers an opportunity to get the most out of the US. It's an opportunity that should be cashed.

Amazon, Google pledge more investments

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

TOP leadership of two US tech giants – Amazon and Google – reiterated their long-term commitment to India in their respective meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Amazon has committed to investing an additional $15 billion in India over the next seven years, taking the company's total India investment across all businesses to $26 billion, Amazon CEO Andy Jassy told the Indian Prime Minister during his meeting in Washington DC on Friday (local time).

Google, on the other hand, announced the opening of Google's global fintech operation center in GIFT City, Gujarat. The announcement was made by Google CEO Sundar Pichai during his meeting with Prime Minister Modi.

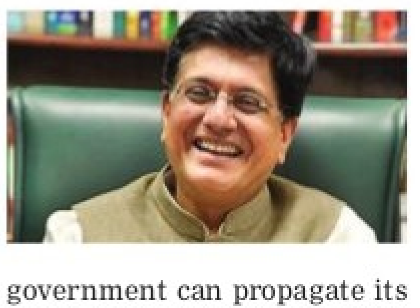
"We are excited today that we are announcing the opening of our global fintech operation centre in GIFT City, Gujarat. It will cement India's fintech leadership, thanks to UPI and Aadhaar. And we are going to build on that foundation, and take it globally," said Sunder Pichai.

Pichai added that Google is investing $10 billion in India's digitisation fund. He emphasised that the investment in India will focus on artificial intelligence including the development of technologies that support Indian languages. The company is also planning to introduce Bard, Google's AI-powered voice assistant to more Indian languages in the near future.

"I met the prime minister in December. We continued our conversation today. We shared with the Prime Minister that Google is investing $10 billion in India's digitisation fund," said Pichai.

Goyal pitches YouTubers for promotion of govt policies

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi



COMMERCE minister Piyush Goyal on Friday interacted with nearly 50 YouTubers who have millions of followers. The meeting focused on consumer awareness and protection with special focus on fake websites.

Those present in the meeting include Vivek Bindra (motivational speaker), Ganesh Prasad (Think School), Gaurav Chaudhary (Technical Guruji), and Prafull Billore (MBA Chai Wala).

"The minister took feedback from the YouTubers on how the government can propagate its schemes through them. Other topics that were discussed included cyber security, ways to boost tourism, popularising handlooms and handicrafts, creating more content on benefits of Shree Anna (millets) among others," a top government source told this newspaper.

According to the source, YouTubers present in the meeting expressed their keenness to roll out content on their channels that can educate masses about government programmes and also work as fact checkers, countering misinformation.

"He interacted with the influencers for nearly five hours. He took feedback from the ground to identify the gaps that can be bridged in the government's overall communication strategy," the source added.

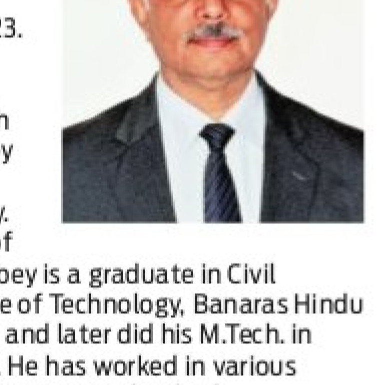
These 50 YouTubers have over 300 million subscribers and 78 million Facebook followers. They were picked from different genres including finance, economy, technology, food and lifestyle, motivational speakers, politics, comedy, art, podcasters and current affairs, etc. Notably, meeting with the YouTubers comes at a crucial time, when political parties are gearing up for big elections in 2024. Many politicians are pitching YouTubers to reach people. Recently, foreign minister S Jaishankar and Piyush Goyal gave their interviews to Ranveer Allahbadia, who has more than 5.5 million subscribers on YouTube.

Business & Beyond

GRSE signs MoU with Kongsberg Maritime for Licensed Production of Water Jets in India

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd and Kongsberg Maritime (KM), Finland signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for co-production of indigenous Water Jets (WJs) of up to 3.5 MW on Monday, June 19, 2023. The MoU was signed by Cmde P R Hari, IN (Retd), Chairman and Managing Director, GRSE and Mr Ottar Ristesund, SVP, Sales, Propulsion and Engines, Kongsberg Maritime (KM), in the presence of Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, AVSM, VSM, Chief of Materiel, Indian Navy. Waterjet Propulsion Systems are extensively used onboard Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard ships and therefore, this collaborative effort of GRSE & Kongsberg Maritime (KM) has huge market potential in the coming years.

New additional general manager of South Eastern Railway



Kolkata: Sri A K Dubey has taken over the charge of Additional General Manager, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata on 17th June, 2023. Prior to taking over the charge of Additional General Manager of South Eastern Railway, Sri Dubey was the Principal Chief Engineer, Eastern Railway. Sri A K Dubey is an IRSE of 1986 Exam Batch. Sri Dubey is a graduate in Civil Engineering from Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (now IIT, BHU) and later did his M.Tech. in Structures from IIT, Delhi. He has worked in various posts and in different capacities in Dhanbad, Mughalsarai, Danapur Divisions and also in East Central Railway after its formation in 2002.

International Yoga Day was observed at NTPC Kaniha

International Yoga Day was observed at NTPC Kaniha on June 21. In the morning, employees and members of their families enthusiastically participated a special yoga session organized at Recreation Centre, Deep Tarang. Shri K. S. Sundaram, ED, Talcher Kaniha, Shri A. K. Sehgal, GM(O&M), Shri Ch. Satya Ramakrishna, GM(ADM), Shri B. K. Pandey, AGM(HR), Smt. Renu Sehgal, Vice-President, Tanvi Sangam, Ladies Club, , representatives of Unions & Association along with employees , ladies and residents of the township took part in the session of ancient Indian "'Fitness Mantra' (Yoga) that provides a holistic approach to health and well-being, apart from striking a balance between all aspects of life.

International Day of Yoga 2023 celebrated at OHPC

International Day of Yoga-2023 was celebrated at Odisha Hydro Power Corporation at its Corporate Officeand Units on 21st June 2023. On the occasion, a One Day Yoga Training-cum-Awareness programme on the theme "Yoga for VasudhaivaKutumbakam" was organized in association withSatyananda Yoga Vidyalaya, Bhubaneswar at the OHPC Training Centre, Bhubaneswar. In the morning session, yoga training was conducted by the teachers Ms.SmitimayeePradhan &Ms. Ayasakantaa Das from Satyananda Yoga Vidyalaya, Bhubaneswar. Various Yoga sequences for daily practices, Aasanas, Pranayama for Health benefits were practiced.

Vizag Railway Station Upgradation work picks up steam

The site erection works associated with the redevelopment project of Visakhapatnam Railway Station has made a jumpstart last week as IIT Varanasi has released the structural design drawings after their scrutiny. The INR 390 crore project primarily aims at enhancing the passenger handling capacity of the station to 150 000 per day from the current level of 81000. The complete execution of the project is awarded to a consortium led by the Kolkata based Railway PSU M/s Braithwaite & Co. Ltd. Apart from capacity expansion, the project aims at offering futuristic levels of safety, comfort, and convenience to the passengers.

Busquets joining Messi at Inter Miami

Inter Miami announced on Friday they are signing former Spain and Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets to team-up with Lionel Messi at the Major League Soccer club. Messi said earlier this month he was moving to Miami and he will now be re-united with his former Barca team-mate Busquets. Inter Miami posted a tweeted heralding the arrival of the player.

England's batter has not just adapted to the firebrand cricket of the team, but is thriving. **Swaroop Swaminathan** speaks with his formative coach to find out more about the transition

NO 1 ROOTSTAR

IN the formative days of Bazball, England were treated to a speech by skipper Ben Stokes. The still newly-appointed captain had watched Elvis before the rescheduled fifth Test of the India — England series. Stokes, a totemic figure himself, was so inspired by what he saw on screen. Basically, Stokes, in his speech on the first morning of the Test, challenged his team to be 'rock stars'.

Easier said than done. Some have the persona ingrained in them. Others? Not so much. Joe Root, for instance, is more suited to being a class prefect than a rock star. More squeaky clean Yorkshire lad and less the Memphis' King. But Bazball isn't about trying and imitating something or someone. It was about creating an environment of fun, with entertainment being one of the primary currencies in town. The fineprint — finding the best route to success — was the destination but there would be no arguments about the journey.

Root said as much after his match-winning 100 against India in the 5th Test in July 2022. "Ben wanted us to be entertainers. He mentioned trying to be rock stars on the field," Root had said. "It's about trying to have fun and relish every opportunity you get to showcase what you are about and put on a show for everyone. I do not think I will ever be able to feel or look like a rock star, but for 10 seconds I might have done today."

Root may not admit it but he's been a rockstar in England whites ever since Brendon McCullum and Stokes decided to reshape the England team in their image. If the one compelling story of Test cricket over the last year has been the side's almost complete reversal of fortune, England's No. 4 is the one penning some of the prose in the story. After the Ashes Down Under in the winter of 2021, Root looked broken, a leader of a ship with a broken steering and a lost compass. These days, he's the leader of the band doing Elvis impersonations and reverse ramping one of the best bowlers of the 21st century.

To speak about Root's last 12 months, the ideal starting point is the way he has exploited the space behind the slip cordon. According to data provided by CricViz to this daily, "since McCullum took over, he's played 15 scoop shots, scoring 40 runs' in the process". The year before that? "In 2021-22, Root played only one scoop shot off seamers, scoring one run," CricViz added.

Kevin Sharp, one of his first coaches at Yorkshire, alluded to this very shot when speaking about his former ward. "He has always been a consistent player for many years," he told this daily. "They are playing with no fear, really. I think what has happened is that Joe too has certainly expanded his shot selection at Test level by playing some of the ramps, for example."

If the ramp is a primer to understand Root under the McCullum-Stokes combination, a wider picture is necessary to know what the No. 4 has brought to the new regime. While the likes of Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook and Ollie Pope (all to varying degrees) have provided the ballast, Root's essentially the one with the oil, their bellwether batter, somebody who has made telling contributions across three continents. Out of the 14 Tests he has played under Stokes, he has made a 50 or above in nine.

He's the world leader for centuries (five), most scores above 50 (10), most fours (132) and most runs (1279). He maybe considered a technically proficient batter, but he has also been able to live with the ultra aggressive approach. His career strike-rate till May 2022 was 54.65. Under the new regime, that's jumped to 76.35 while averaging almost 18 runs more.

Sunday Special

Sharp isn't surprised. "He has always been one of the leaders of the batting unit, he tries to put pressure on the opposition bowlers. He has been around long enough and experienced enough to be able to take on those responsibilities. "I am not surprised because he's always thinking ahead of the game, what he needs to do to get better. When he practices, he always practices for the big occasion and the next big challenge. When he was 12, he was preparing like a county batter would do. When he was 16, he was preparing like a Test batter."

While the debate in India continues about the benefits of featuring in the IPL before a big-ticket red-ball series, Root opined that featuring in the IPL was better preparation for this year's Ashes than turning out for Yorkshire.

"Championship cricket is the bedrock of our domestic game and I am not trying to bag it with what I say here. I am not saying it's not important or a good standard. (But) for where I am in my career, am I going to learn more about myself in that environment," he had told UK media during the Test against Ireland in early June.

"Am I really going to be prepared better for an Ashes series facing lower-pace bowling on some nibbly wickets, when hopefully we will play on good pitches against high pace and a high-quality spinner? I don't think so. By going to the IPL, learning and experiencing something new, discussing the game with some of the greats, like Kumar Sangakkara and Brian Lara, I thought that not just for the Ashes, but the rest of the year, it would set me up best. I feel ready, I have another week's prep and some time together as a squad."

Sharp provides further insight. "He's (Root) is very versatile," he said. "There's a difference between playing cricket and knowing how to play cricket... the very fact that the England management allowed these guys to play the IPL just before the Ashes is a vote of confidence. We know you can play Test cricket. Go out there and come back with those experiences and use it in the Test arena."

Speaking with former players, Sharp says, is also something Root likes to do. Especially to work on the mental side of his game. As an example, when he faced the problem of converting 50s into 100s. "He would talk to other players, past players, talk to psychologists, talk to anyone who would give him the necessary information to help him with the process. Now he's so wise and smart... he's probably had so many experiences, he's now revelling in the fact that he can try something in an environment that allows him to do so. If you make a mistake, 'it's okay'."

That, ultimately, is Root's batting. Distilled to its very essence.

Joe Root has developed the reverse ramp under the new regime

HIGH FIVE

From the time Brendon McCullum took over as England's Test coach, a look at some of the top run-getters...

Runs scored

Name	MP	Runs
Joe Root	14	1279
Marnus Labuschagne	13	1084
Usman Khawaja	13	1076
Ollie Pope	14	1059
Travis Head	12	1030

Root output

Before McCullum-Stokes joined hands

MP	Runs	Avge	SR	100s
117	9889	49.19	54.65	25

After

MP	Runs	Avge	SR	100s
14	1279	67.31	76.35	5

Coach Kevin Sharp with a young Root during his formative years at Yorkshire

ROOT IS ALSO

- No 1 for most **100s** scored in this time (sole lead with five)
- No 1 for most scores of **50** and over (sole lead with 10)
- No 1 for most fours with **132**
- No 4 for most sixes with **16**

No 6 for SR with **76.38 (over 500 runs)**

Pak's imports yet to deliver

VISHNU PRASAD @ Bengaluru

IT has not been an easy return to the international fold for the Pakistan national football team. On Saturday, at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here, they played their seventh game since returning from a three-year exile from international football last year. And just like the other six, this one too ended in a defeat as Kuwait triumphed 4-0 in a SAFF Championships game.

This dismal run not only casts doubts over their prospects in the upcoming World Cup qualifiers but also raises questions over a plan to ease their way back into international football by relying on players brought in from overseas.

Saturday's starting eleven featured only five players born in Pakistan. The rest were all from the Pakistani diaspora scattered all across the world. Among them were the likes of Easah Suliman, who made his Pakistan debut just ten days ago but still was given the responsibility of captaining the side in their first two SAFF Championship games. Suliman was once touted as a potential Premier League player and represented England at every age group level.

However, his career has so far not worked out as expected and he now plays in Portugal's second division. Alongside him in defence were goalkeeper Yousuf Butt and Abdullah Iqbal, both Danish citizens. Ahead of them were three Englishmen. Otis Khan used to once wear Manchester United colours as an academy player. These days, he plays for League Two side Grimsby Town. Then there was Rahis Nabi, once of West Brom but now of non-league Redditch United and Harun Hamid who is currently unattached. Two other Danes were on the bench — striker Hassan Bashir who started against India and Adnan Mohammad.

But if the expectation was that this infusion of talent, bred in countries with proper footballing cultures, would deliver instant results, that has not happened. Pakistan has scored just a solitary goal in their seven games since last November while conceding 17. As was the case against India, they put in half the number of passes as their opponents and had just 30 percent of the possession.

"We have a lot of new players. The football in Pakistan is changing," said Pakistan's assistant coach Torben Witajewski. "A lot of new players and they have never played together. We need to play more."

Even as the focus has shifted to importing players, domestic production has stalled. Since 2017, Pakistan has had as many FIFA bans as they have international wins. After an initial ban in 2017 lasted five months, the Pakistan Football Federation was suspended by FIFA again in 2021. This time, the ban lasted more than one year but Pakistan still doesn't have a football body — the sport there is run by a normalisation committee whose term FIFA recently extended to 2024.

This constant state of disruption means that there has been no regular league football there for three years. After their last game in the SAFF Championships against Nepal, Pakistan will likely not play more football before heading into their crucial 2027 World Cup qualifier playoffs. They don't have a good record here — Pakistan are the only Asian team never to have won a World Cup qualifier in its history.

Ahead of the two-legged playoff, there is talk of bringing in even more diaspora players. Names mooted include Manchester United academy graduate Etzaz Hussain and Adil Nabi, Rahis' brother, who once played for ISL side Delhi Dynamos, on loan from West Bromwich Albion. But losing will mean less to these stars who will head back to their European clubs. For Pakistan football though, it will likely mean four more years of wilderness.

Action from the match between Pakistan & Kuwait. Pakistan lost 0-4

Indian players rejoice after the match against Nepal on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Chhetri & Co two good for Nepal, book knockout berth

ENS @ Bengaluru

WHERE would Indian football be without Sunil Chhetri? As he has done countless times during his two-decade long international career, Chhetri was once again the inspiration, scoring one and creating the other, as India downed Nepal 2-0 in their SAFF Championships.

Only three players — Chhetri, Sahal Abdul Samad and Anirudh Thapa — were retained from the playing eleven against Pakistan. That showed as India struggled to get a grip on the game. As against Pakistan, they dominated possession, but failed to create tangible going forward. Nepal, on the other hand, looked dangerous going forward and looked the likelier of the two teams to score.

That all changed in the second half. In the 61st minute, Naorem Mahesh Singh made a run down the left and fired in a low cross that found Chhetri, who was never going to miss a tap-in. Then, nine minutes later, Chhetri turned provider to Mahesh. The Indian captain's shot took a deflection off Nepal keeper Kiran Limbu and then bounced off the crossbar. Mahesh, who was lurking at the far-post, nodded it in.

The win means that India have qualified for the knockout stages.

EXPRESS READ

REC Limited & BAI enter partnership

NEW DELHI: REC Limited has entered into a partnership with the Badminton Association of India for a training camp ahead of Asia Junior Championships. REC Limited's support is utilised to provide assistance to the 18-member Indian squad who are preparing for the continental meet to be held in Indonesia from July 7 to 16.

India to begin FIH jr WC campaign vs Korea

KUALA LUMPUR: India were on Saturday handed a relatively easy draw for the 2023 FIH men's hockey junior world cup and will start their campaign against South Korea in a Group C match on December 5, the opening day of the marquee event. Besides Korea, India have drawn Spain and Canada.

Sakshi & Co deny asking exemption

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

FACING opposition from fellow wrestlers for receiving exemption from Asian Games trials, the protesting wrestlers on Saturday denied demanding such a favour from Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and said they will quit wrestling if it is proved.

"We did not ask for exemption from trials, just asked for time to prepare," said Sakshi Malik after going live on social media. "If you had problems with one-bout trial, you should have gone to the sports minister. But you chose to spread poison through social media," added Bajrang Punia.

"We are ready to quit wrestling if it is proved that we asked for exemption. We never wrote any letter for exemption." It was first reported by this daily that the six protesting wrestlers — Sakshi, Bajrang, Vinesh Phogat, Sangeeta Phogat, Satywart Kadian and Jitender Kinha — will have to win just one bout against the winner of stage-one trials to be on the Indian team for the Asian Games and World Championships.

The wrestlers also vowed to continue their fight. "We will continue our fight till Brij Bhushan Singh is punished, we are waiting for the chargesheet," Vinesh said.

MIXED CUT

Ganges Grandmasters maintain dominance

DUBAI: The Ganges Grandmasters secured their third win on the trot to maintain their dominance at the top after day three of the Global Chess League. Playing white, Ganges Grandmasters defeated Balan Alaskan Knights 11-6 in a battle between the two leaders on the scoreboard. Right from the outset, it was clear that the Ganges were not ready to relinquish their hold. Board one witnessed a swift draw between V Anand and Ian Nepomniachtchi. Triveni Continental Kings went down to SG Alpine Warriors 7-8.

Gandas makes cut; Shubhankar misses out

MUNICH: Manu Gandas slipped in the second round at the BMW International Open as he carded 2-over 74 but still managed to make the halfway cut. Gandas, with 69-74, was one-under for 36 holes and tied-41st. Shubhankar Sharma was unable to survive the cut following rounds of 75 and 73 as the cut fell at one-over.

Zim beat WI; in pole position to make WC cut

AFP @ Harare

ZIMBABWE took a big step towards qualifying for the World Cup by toppling West Indies in a qualifier on Saturday. Chasing 269 to make it three wins on the bounce, the two-time champions kept losing wickets at regular intervals and eventually lost the match by 35 runs.

West Indies now face the risk of not featuring at the quadrennial event in India. For the hosts, it was Sikandar Raza who shone with an all-round performance of 68 apart from returning with figures of 2/36.

In the earlier game on Saturday, Netherlands beat Nepal **Brief scores:** Zimbabwe 268 in 49.5 ovs (Raza 68, Burl 50; Paul 3/61) **bt** West Indies 233 in 44.4 ovs (Mayers 56, Chase 44; Chatara 3/52, Muzarabani 2/33, Ngarava 2/25, Raza 2/36). Nepal 167 in 44.3 ovs (Rohit Paudel 33, Kushal Bhurtel 27, Sandeep Lamichhane 27; Logan van Beek 4/24) **lost to** Netherlands 168/3 (Max O'Dowd 90, Bas de Leede 41 n.o; Sandeep Lamichhane 2/60).

Alcaraz reaches final, closes in on No 1 spot

AGENCIES @ London

CARLOS Alcaraz moved to the brink of his first grass court title and reclaiming the world number one ranking from Novak Djokovic after sweeping aside Sebastian Korda 6-3, 6-4 to reach the final at Queen's Club on Saturday. The Spaniard will face Australia's Alex de Minaur, who beat second seed Holger Rune 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Zverev exits Halle

HALLE: Alexander Zverev was shown the exit door by Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik in the semifinals of the Wimbledon warm-up Halle Open.

Playing in the semifinals of the event for the third time, the 26-year-old German, who made the last four of this year's French Open, lost 3-6, 5-7 against the World No 48.

Alexander Bublik celebrates his win

Kvitova ousts Garcia

BERLIN: Former Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova edged Caroline Garcia 6-4, 7-6 (3) to seal her spot in the semifinals of the rain-hit WTA German Open in Berlin on Saturday.

Croatia's Donna Vekic beat Russia's Elina Avanesyan 6-2, 7-6 (0) to reach her first grass-court semifinal in four years.

Adani launches 'Jeetenge Hum' campaign, 1983 team joins in

ENS/AGENCIES @ Chennai

THE Adani Group has launched a campaign for the 50-over World Cup on Saturday. On Adani Day, Adani Group collaborated with the heroes of the 1983 World Cup Cricket victory to launch the 'Jeetenge Hum' campaign, displaying unwavering support for India team for the highly anticipated ICC ODI Cricket World Cup later this year. According to a press statement, the Adani Group has started an unstoppable spirit for Team India for the upcoming World Cup, marking the momentous 40th anniversary of India's historic conquest.

"Led by Chairman Gautam Adani, the campaign sets ablaze with heartfelt wishes, kindling outpouring of support from the 1983 World Cup winning cricket legends and passionate fans. The campaign encourages Indian cricket fans to unite as one, and rally behind Team India with #JeetengeHum on Twitter and Instagram, backing the team's quest for victory and boosting their morale," said the statement. "With the hope of seeing history repeat itself, join us and the legends in wishing the Indian Cricket Team for the upcoming World Cup through #JeetengeHum," said Gautam Adani, Chairman, Adani Group in a statement.

The 1983 World Cup winning captain, Kapil Dev, too lent his support saying, "We are honoured to unite with the Adani Group in rallying Team India for the ODI World Cup 2023. This campaign symbolises the excitement and the indomitable spirit that propelled us to victory in 1983. In preparation for the World Cup 2023, it is imperative for the team to foster a collective mindset that centers on wholeheartedly committing to giving their absolute best." Roger Binny, one of the heroes of the 1983 team and the BCCI chief said, "Being part of the 1983 World Cup team was an incredible journey. Together, we believe in the potential of our current players to bring back the coveted trophy. Let's unite as fans and inspire them!"

Oregon's most populous Multnomah county is suing more than a dozen large fossil fuel companies to recover costs related to extreme weather events linked to climate change

West Virginia University's governing board moved forward with slashing 12 graduate and doctorate programmes amid a $45 million budget shortfall and approved a just under 3% tuition increase

EXFILE • STUDY

Like dogs, wolves recognise familiar human voices

LIKE DOGS, WOLVES RECOGNISE AND RESPOND TO THE VOICES OF FAMILIAR HUMANS MORE THAN STRANGERS, ACCORDING TO A STUDY THAT HAS IMPLICATIONS BOTH FOR THE STORY OF CANINE DOMESTICATION AND OUR BROADER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL WORLD

Given the new finding, "chances are, lots of species are listening to us and getting to know us as individuals — Root-Gutteridge

TESTING OLD THEORIES

Holly Root-Gutteridge of the University of Lincoln, a co-author of the paper that appeared in Animal Cognition this week, said a longstanding theory held that dogs' ability to distinguish human voices was a consequence of generations of selective breeding.

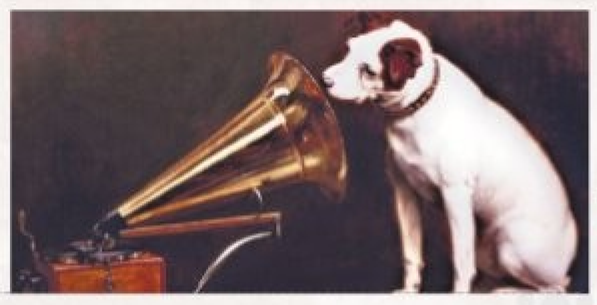
So we wanted to look at wolves, because obviously nobody has been selecting so that wolves can recognize human voices," she said

CARRYING OUT EXPERIMENTS

Root-Gutteridge and colleagues carried out experiments across five zoos and wildlife parks in Spain, involving a total of 24 gray wolves, both male and female, aged between one and 13

PLAYING VOICES OF STRANGERS

The team set up speakers and first played the animals the voice of a number of strangers that they would "habituate" to, in other words, get bored of, because they decided it was not salient to them



VOICES OF THEIR KEEPERS

Then, they played the wolves the voice of their keeper who would say familiar things to them in Spanish, such as "Hey, what's up wolves?" or "Hello little ones, good morning, how's it going?"

In gestures that would be instantly recognizable to any dog owner, the wolves raised their heads, pricked their ears up, and turned towards the speaker

THE FINAL TEST

Finally, to make sure the wolves genuinely knew their keepers' voices, rather than just knowing words that the familiar humans would normally say to them, the team mixed things up and had the keepers utter a stream of unfamiliar phrases.

Once more the results held up

PERFECTING THEIR CONCLUSIONS

To test the effect wasn't random, the researchers went back to playing the wolves recordings of strangers, and found they once more lost interest

LISTENING TO US

The fact that the wolves engaged with disembodied voices played through speakers echoes what's been seen in dogs from the era of gramophones —as captured in a famous painting entitled "His Master's Voice"— to today's video doorbells, though it's not yet known whether our pooches enjoy this or it frustrates them.

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN HUMANS

In terms of implications, Root-Gutteridge said it was significant that wolves possessed the ability to distinguish between humans despite the fact that our species went our separate evolutionary ways tens of millions of years ago

Russia, China block move for new Antarctic marine reserves

ENVIRONMENT

SANTIAGO: Members of a multinational group on Antarctic conservation failed to agree on Friday on a roadmap for the creation of three new marine protected areas—a goal that has proven elusive for years.

"No agreement was reached. It was not possible to obtain... a road map" for protected areas in the seas around Antarctica, Cesar Cardenas, a member of the Chilean Antarctic Institute and part of the Chilean delegation, said.

Cardenas said Russia and China resisted new protected areas. The bid to create the sanctuaries around Antarctica to counter climate change and protect fragile ocean ecosystems would safeguard nearly four million more square kilometres of ocean from human activities.

The areas are home to penguins, seals, toothfish, whales and huge numbers of krill—a staple food for many species.

US INTELLIGENCE REJECTS COVID-19 LAB LEAK THEORY

American spy agencies are still divided over the origin of the virus that killed millions

REPORT

WASHINGTON: US officials released an intelligence report on Friday that rejected some points raised by those who argue Covid-19 leaked from a Chinese lab, instead reiterating that American spy agencies remain divided over how the pandemic began.

The report was issued at the behest of Congress, which in March passed a bill giving US intelligence 90 days to declassify intelligence related to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Intelligence officials under President Joe Biden have been pushed by lawmakers to release more material about the origins of Covid-19. But they have repeatedly argued China's official obstruction of independent reviews has made it perhaps impossible to determine how the pandemic began.

The newest report angered some Republicans who have argued the administration is wrongly withholding classified information and researchers who accuse the US of not being forthcoming.

John Ratcliffe, who served as US director of national intelligence under former President Donald Trump, accused the Biden administration of "continued obfuscation."

"The lab leak is the only theory supported by science, intelligence, and common sense," Ratcliffe said in a statement.

There was newfound interest from researchers following the revelation earlier this year that the Department of Energy's intelligence arm had issued a report arguing for a lab-related incident. But Friday's report said the intelligence community has not gone further. Four agencies still believe the virus was transferred from animals to humans, and two agencies — the Energy Department and the FBI—believe the virus leaked from a lab. The CIA and another agency have not made an assessment.

Located in the city where the pandemic is believed to have began, the Wuhan Institute of Virology has faced intense scrutiny for its previous research into bat coronaviruses and its reported security lapses.

The lab genetically engineered viruses as part of its research, the report said, including efforts to combine different viruses.

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Diplomatic stance

US Intelligence, "continues to assess that this information neither supports nor refutes either hypothesis of the pandemic's origins because the researchers' symptoms could have been caused by a number of diseases and some of symptoms were not consistent with Covid-19"

FACT OF THE MATTER

Shutting Europe's biggest gas field

ENERGY

The Netherlands said on Friday it would end production at Europe's largest gas field on October 1 after years of earthquakes, despite global energy worries sparked by Russia's war in Ukraine. Wells at the massive Groningen field in the northern Netherlands will remain open for one more year in case of a cold winter but then be shut down forever, government said. Residents near the huge site, which opened in 1965, have complained for more than two decades of being terrorised by quakes directly attributed to drilling operations. The Netherlands first said five years ago that it would close the site by 2030.

About 40 people missing in Italy migrant shipwreck

MIGRATION

ROME: More than 40 people are missing after a migrant boat capsized off the Italian island of Lampedusa, the UN said.

The shipwreck took place on Thursday and at least one newborn baby is among those missing, said UNHCR representative to Italy Chiara Cardoletti.

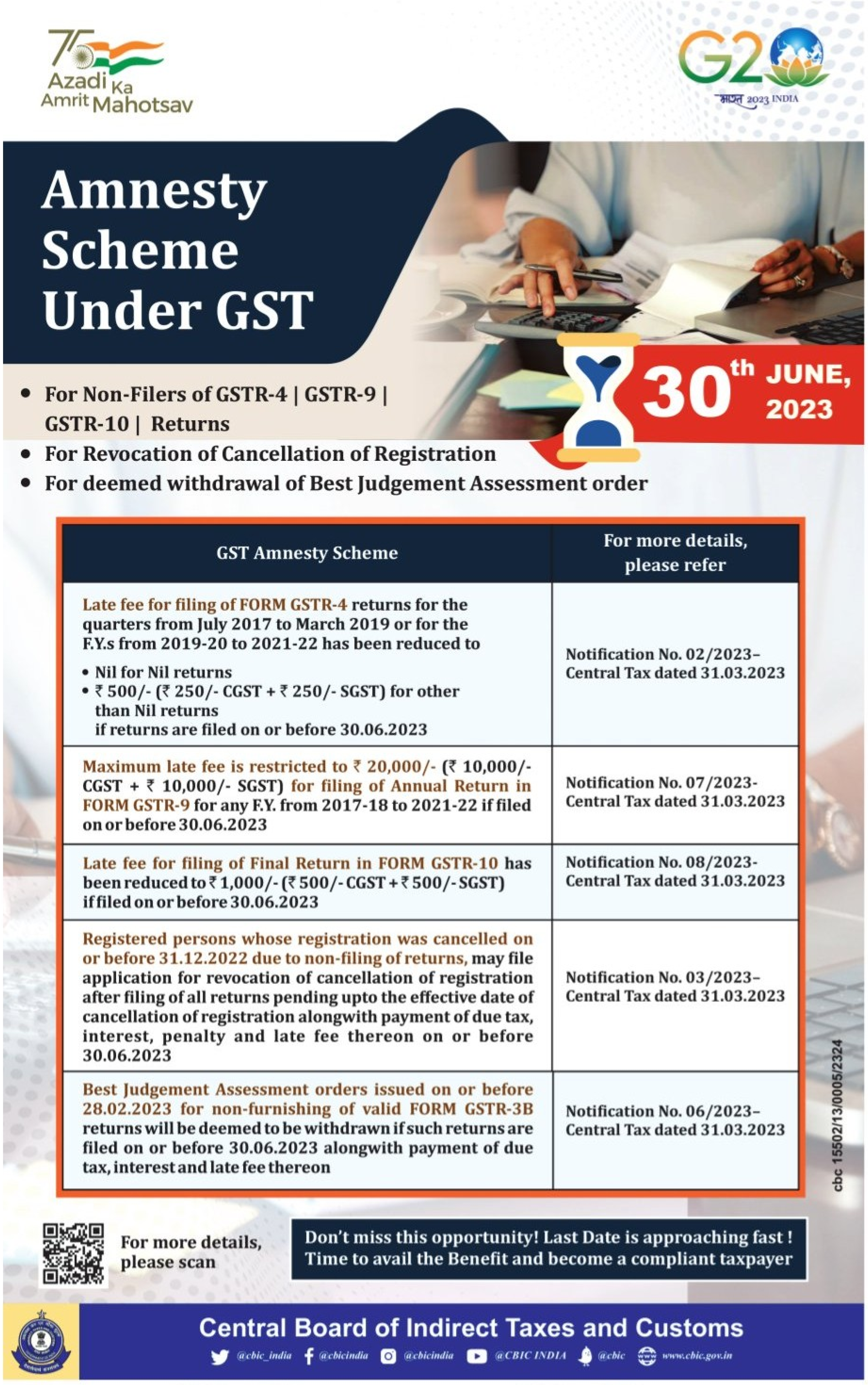
The vessel left from Sfax in Tunisia and was carrying 46 migrants from Cameroon, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast, Flavio Di Giacomo, a spokesman for the UN migration agency IOM, said on Friday.

The boat capsized in strong winds and high waves, he said. "Some survivors were taken to Lampedusa and others were brought back to Tunisia". "Among those missing were seven women and a minor. The survivors are all adult men", he added. "We have noticed more arrivals of migrants from sub-Saharan Africa than Tunisians" via the Tunisian route since November, he said.

He explained this was due to people from sub-Saharan Africa fleeing discrimination in Tunisia. "It is unacceptable to continue counting the dead at the gates of Europe", Cardoletti wrote on Twitter, referring to deadly shipwrecks of migrant boats which have already occurred in Italy, Greece and Spain. "A coordinated and shared rescue mechanism at sea between states is now also a matter of conscience." Di Giacomo also stressed the fragility of the badly welded boats, which sank at the first damage.

"We are therefore not aware of certain shipwrecks," he said, calling for "patrols of European ships to monitor the Tunisian route as well as the Libyan route, otherwise we will witness a disaster this summer."

Located about 145 km from the Tunisian coast, the southern Italian island of Lampedusa is one of the main entry points for migrants crossing the Mediterranean.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